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Shultz tells Botha not to go it alone in Namibia

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, in an important policy speech, yesterday warned South Africa against going ahead with any plan for an internal settlement of the Namibian independence issue which is not based on a key United Nations resolution.

Addressing the National Press Club here, he said: "Let there be no mistake about it: UN Security Council Resolution 435 remains the only internationally acceptable basis for a resolution."

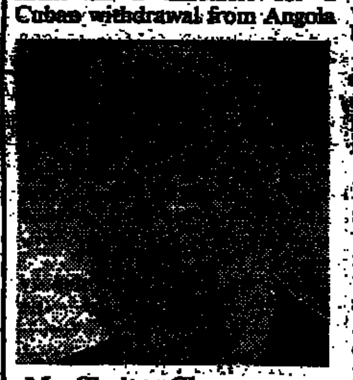
This calls for a ceasefire in the bush war between South African forces and Swapo guerrillas, followed by UN-supervised elections leading to independence for the last colony in Africa.

Mr Shultz's warning came amid reports from South Africa that President Botha is to announce tomorrow that he is prepared in principle to appoint an "interim" Namibian government comprising the disputed territory's internal political parties.

The United States, with its partners in the Western contact group (Britain, West Germany, France and Canada), has persistently warned South Africa against attempting any kind of Rhodesian-style unilateral declaration of independence for Namibia.

Ambassadors from the group repeated this when they met Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, in Cape Town on Monday.

Mr Shultz said US-led diplomatic efforts to achieve a settlement had brought the disputed territory closer to independence than ever. Agreement on a timetable for a Cuban withdrawal from Angola was the only issue delaying agreement on an overall package.


Mr Shultz: Change must be encouraged.

The Secretary of State was speaking a day after South Africa had announced that it would complete the withdrawal of all its troops from southern Angola, where they have been confronting Swapo guerrillas, by tomorrow.

Their pullback is part of a package which the Reagan Administration is helping to negotiate between South Africa and Angola. Pretoria has made withdrawal of Cuba's 25,000-strong task force a precondition for a Namibia settlement.

Mr Shultz's speech was mainly a thoughtful defence of the Administration's bitterly-criticized policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa. A strong advocate of the dismantling of the Apartheid system, he declared: "Change has just begun, but it has begun. Our job is to continue to encourage it." He spoke just after South Africa had announced it would scrap laws forbidding sex and marriage across the colour bar.

Mr Shultz spoke strongly against the growing movement in Congress, on college campuses and by churches in the US for American companies to stop investing in South Africa. He gave a warning that the disinvestment campaign would hurt South African blacks economically and reduce US influence in a strategically-important region.

He empasized that South Africa needed to create 250,000 new jobs for young blacks each year. "I do not understand why it is good for American investors to create jobs for black workers in Zimbabwe or Zaire, but not in South Africa."

His warning came as new attempts were being made to win congressional approval for legislation which would ban new US investments in South Africa.

Earlier, Mr Kenneth Dam, Mr Shultz's deputy, told a senate committee lokking into the proposed legislation that new restriction would increase the "burdens of the victims of apartheid" and squander US influences there, making the US essentially irrelevant to the process of change in South Africa".

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Bill allows Customs to levy VAT 'fines'

By Ian Griffiths

The Customs and Excise are to be given extensive new powers, including the right to impose financial penalites for VAT irregularities without reference to the courts, under proposals in the Government's Finance Bill, published yesterday.

The Bill proposes much wider VAT enforcement powers for the Customs and could lead to a greater administrative burden for British businesses, which will be forced to keep records for longer and submit VAT returns more promptly.

Under the old rules Customs could not penalize breaches of the VAT regulations without taking the offender to court. The Finance Bill, however, would take all but the most serious offences, such as fraud, out of criminal jurisdiction and allow the Customs to impose their own financial penalties.

There will be two levels of penalty. The more serious breaches could result in a penalty of up to 100 per cent of the tax liability while lesser offences will attract a penalty of up to 30 per cent.

The proposals to tighten up the VAT regime are based largely on the recommendations of the Keith Committee Report on the Enforcement Powers of Revenue Departments.

They also include the introduction omf surcharges for tax payers who are persistently late in submitting VAT returns – the more frequent the offence the higher the surcharge to a maximum of 30 per cent of the liability.

Not only will returns have to be submitted on time but businesses will also ahve to keep records relating to VAT for six years instead of three.

If the Bill is enacted, the customs will also be granted the right to extend from six to 20 years the period over which it can go abck to investigate serious VAT irregularities

There is a provision in the Bill which will allow tax payers to defend themselves against peanlties and surcharges on the ground that they exercised "all due diligence and had a reasonable excused for failing to comply with the VAT law".

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President Banda of Malawi waves a fly whisk while driving with the Queen to Windsor Castle. Report, page 8.

Thatcher hits back at critics

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday returned to the Commons after her Easter recess tour of South-east Asia, and immediately went on to the offensive against her Labour critics.

In Prime Minister's question time, Mrs Thatcher attacted Mr Neil Kinnock for his "gutless" failure to condemn the year-long miners' strike, with its violence and intimidation.

In a written parliamentary reply, she said last night that her itinerary had included "some of the fastest-growing countries of the world, both economically and in terms of their political significance."

She added: "I have no doubt that my tour deepened Britain's relations with them and will have helped to create new opportunities for British trade."

Mr Kinnock told the Commons that Britain's share of world manufacturing trade had fallen by a fifth since the 1979 election, and asked Mrs Thatcher to turn her attention to sales promotion rather than self-promotion.

It was left to Mr Francis Pym, one of the Government's most senior backbench critics, to break the inbuilt tension of the occasion – by asking her plans for the Whitsun recess. Mrs Thatcher, evidently relieved, smiled and replied: "That has been fixed for some time. It is Chequers."

Meanwhile, it was Number 10 business as usual for the Prime Minister, interrupted by an abortive visit to Windsor to greet President Banda of Malawi. Because his aircraft had been delayed, Mrs Thatcher returned to Downing Street without meeting him.

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Drop-out rate 'appalling'

Training of nurses attacked by report

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Radical changes in the education and training of student nurses are needed to provide better and safer patient care, to end the appalling and wasteful drop-out rate to prevent the system grinding to a halt in the early 1990s, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday.

Between 30 per cent and 40 per cent of student nurses drop out or fail to qualify. Others leave soon after qualifying. Students are used as cheap labour to keep the health service running, rather than as people learning new skills, the college said.

Too often they are overburdened with responsibility and placed under enormous stress, while seriously ill patients and those recovering from serious operations are cared for by inexperienced students or unqualified auxiliaries, rather than trained nurses who make up 56 per cent of the 400,000 nurses and midwives.

Nurse training should be taken out of the National Health Service and placed in the mainstream of higher education, an independent Commission on Nursing Education, appointed by the college has recommended.

Training should take place in polytechnics and colleges of higher education in a three-year course that combined academic work with experience on the wards, producing one common diploma of nursing rather than the present mix of qualifications.

Without such measures, which should reduce the drop-out rate and produce qualified nurses capable of handling the job, the system will grind to a halt in a few years, the commission says.

Because of the outrageous wastefulness of the present system, nurse training absorbs a quarter of female school leavers with qualifications between five O levels and two A levels. But falling numbers in that age group mean that by 1992 there could be a 15,000 shortfall in the 35,000 students needed a year by the present system, which the report calls a crumbling muddle.

It has to be made more efficient and more attractive to students, the commission says.

Dr Harry Judge, director of the department of educational studies at Oxford University and chairman of the commission, said training was a "Passchendaele-like system in which waves of students come out of the trenches to be mown down on the job. It is a national scandal".

Experience of degree-level training for nurses showed that a lower drop-out rate could be achieved and nurses stayed with the job longer.

Treating nurses in training as proper students, rather than cheap employees in an atmosphere reminiscent of a nineteenth century teacher training college should also attract more men and better qualified students.

The commission acknowledges that the cost of training each student nurse would be higher under its proposals. But it urges that by reducing the drop-out rate, allowing qualified nurses to nurse rather than spending much of their time supervising the 80,000 students, and by reducing the numbers of students needed to about 19,000 a year in the 1990s instead of 35,000, the system should be much more cost-effective and efficient.

Meacher's gaffe over jobless

By Anthony Bevins

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's social services spokesman, yesterday made another political gaffe when he said that he hoped a Labour government would reduce unemployment by only one million over the lifetime of a five-year Parliament.

Labour leaders have repeatedly stated in recent months that on present economic trends they would hope to cut the dole queues by one million within two years.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, gave that target in the Commons Budget debate on March 20 and it was repeated at this month's launch of Labour's jobs and industry campaign. The fact that Mr Meacher, a left winger, should relax that target will undoubtedly cause some embarrassment, not least to himself.

Mr Meacher: jobless target relaxed

Mr Meacher's latest mishap followed Monday's Labour row over his consultative package for a reform of the welfare state

The shadow spokesman yesterday went on to BBC radio's Jimmy Young programme to denounce press misrepresentation of the plan, and said that fundamental change was contingent upon a significant cutback in unemployment.

But when Mr Young asked Mr Meacher to quantify the necessary cut in unemployment, the Labour frontbencher said: "Let's talk about a reduction of perhaps a million in whatever period, up to a five-year period; that's a very substantial reduction."

Mr Meacher agreed that taking one million in five years off unemployment would be his aspiration. It was not, he said in any way a party commitment.

Space walk success for shuttle

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Two astronauts from the space shuttle Discovery completed an unrehearsed space walk yesterday as the first part of a two-day operation to try to salvage a disabled communications satellite.

David Griggs, aged 45, and Jeffrey Hoffman, aged 40, attached tools which looked like fly swatters to the end of Discovery's 50ft Canadian-built robot arm. "It looks like you guys did a super job," ground control said.

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The three-hour walk was the first step in the attempt to rescue the $80 million satellite, which failed to go into orbit when deployed by the crew on Saturday.

Early today Dr Rhea Seddon, the only woman in the crew of seven, will manipulate the robot arm hoping to free a six-inch lever on the side of the slowly rotating satellite. If this works, the satellite could come back to life almost immediately and later, with Discovery safely in the distance, the satellite's engines would ignite to send it into proper orbit.

The satellite known as Syncom, is to be used by the US Navy as part of its ship to shore radio links.

Discovery carried two communications satellites. The first was successfully deployed a few hours after the shuttle blasted off on Friday.

The "fly swatter" tools were crafted out of pieces of plastic, a

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Warning to GCHQ union rebels

By Craig Seton

Staff at the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham who agreed to give up their trade union membership but later rejoined are receiving letters from the management warning them that they are in breach of their new conditions of service.

Sources ar GCHQ made it clear yesterday that staff who had rejoined Civil Service trade unions having given up membership, receiving £1,000 in return, are regarded as initially more vulnerable to the ultimate sanction of dismissal than staff who refused to give up their trade unions or accept a transfer to other Civil Service posts.

The management of the secret signals interception base has always insisted that it would not give up the option of dismissal if that became necessary. Senior managers regard those who have rejoined their unions as in an indefensible position, having voluntarily signed away that right and accepted the new conditions of service.

Mr Don Chidley, senior GCHQ official, confirmed yesterday that he had writtten to those staff identified as having rejoined their unions. Most who rejoined did so after the High Court ruled that the trade union ban at the establishment, announced in January 1984, was unlawful, a ruling that was later overturned in the House of Lords.

Mr Chidgey told *The Times* that some members of staff who had rejoined trade unions had informed management that they had done so.

He said: "Clearly this cannot be allowed to continue and I would welcome their reassurance that they have resigned from any unions of which they are members. Having made a choice to accept the new conditions of service, they cannot change their minds except by resigning."

He would not comment on the action GCHQ managament intended to take against the "rebels" but insisted that nobody had been compulsorily transferred.

There is still controversy between the management and GCHQ Trade Union, the body set up to represent the "rebels", about the precise numbers holding out against the trade union ban at Cheltenham and the establishment's other British and foreign outposts, which are believed to employ about 7,000 people.

The unions claim the figure is still more than 100 but the management says it is not much more than 50 and declining.

Mrs Nancy Duffton, the full-time official with GCHQ Trade Unions at Cheltenham, said yesterday that those who had received the management letter had been given 10 days to reply.

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SS links confirmed but no suggestion of war crimes

By Alan Hamilton

Official records in London and Vienna and surviving members of his own family in Austria, confirmed yesterday that Baron Gunther von Reibnitz, father of Princess Michael of Kent, had been a member of the SS, the Nazi elite declared a criminal organization at the Nuremberg war trials.

But there was no suggestion from any quarter that the baron, who died two years ago, had himself been involved in any war crimes or had taken any active role in the SS specialities of concentration camps and the extermination of Jews and other groups deemed undesirable by Hitler.

Princess Michael, who confirmed the revelation before it appeared in yesterday's editions of the *Daily Mirror*, declined to make any further comment on the matter yesterday. Last night she joined the Queen and other members of the Royal Family for a banquet at Windsor Castle in honour of President Banda of Malawi, who is on a state visit to Britain.

Documents in the Imperial War Museum, taken from Berlin immediately after the war, show Baron von Reibnitz appearing five times in the SS seniority lists between July 1935 and October 1944. In 1935 he was listed as an Untersturmführer, the equivalent of a second lieutenant; by 1944 he had risen to SS Sturmbannführer, the equivalent of major.

The records show that for much of the war he was on the staff of SS south-east district headquarters at Breslau in Silesia, Poland. In 1944 they also list him as holding the German Army Reserve rank of Hauptmann, the equivalent of Captain, indicating that he may have been in the Army proper as well as the SS.

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But the records give no indication as to what his responsibilities were in the SS.

Dr Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter based in Vienna, confirmed the Imperial War Museum documents from his own records yesterday, and added that the baron's Nazi party membership number was 412,855, which indicated veteran status.

Von Reibnitz joined the SS on July 4 1934, but there was no evidence that he was involved in concentration camp work, Dr Wiesenthal said. "If this man had been in a concentration camp he would be known by name to me."

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Conservative MP for Chelmsford, a close friend of the princess, claimed yesterday to have seen documents proving that her father was only an honorary member of the SS, and did not even wear its uniform. He was dismissed from the elite corps in 1944 and sent to the Russian front, Mr Stevas said.

Close relatives of Princess Michael contacted by *The Times* in Vienna yesterday claimed that the baron had begun the war in the SS, but spent most of it in the entirely non-political position of provincial gamekeeper of Breslau, looking after fishing, shooting and falconry.

One member of the family who had known the baron well claimed that he had been dismissed from the SS after the failure of the Stauffenberg plot to blow up Hitler, although there was no evidence that he was directly implicated in it.

Another relative suggested that his early involvement with the Nazis was almost inevitable for a man of his minor aristocratic background living in Silesia, where German-speaking landowners were obsessed with the threat of Bolsbevism, and saw Hitler as a lesser evil.

Mr Barry Everingham, an Australian author who is working on a biography of the princess, said in Melbourne yesterday that the baron's membership of the Nazi party had been common knowledge among the princess's friends in

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High Court sets May deadline for council to fix legal rate

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Councils defying the Government by not fixing a rate won an unexpected reprieve in the High Court yesterday when Mr Justice Woolf told Hackney council in London that it must fix a legal rate, but gave it until the end of May.

Mr Justice Woolf said that the Labour-led council was using delay as "a weapon or lever to prise additional money from the Government". Hackney is one of six rate-capped councils in London that have postponed rate-fixing in hope of winning spending concessions from ministers.

Some of the others would have faced similar court actions if the judge had given Hackney the expected few days in which to fix a rate. The judge had ruled before Easter that Hackney's delay was unlawful, but waited until yesterday before fixing a time limit.

Ms Hilda Kean, leader of Hackney council, said after the case that advice from her officers suggested that there would be enough money reaching the authority to pay wages and maintain services until July or August.

She said: "The courts seem more concerned with democracy than Patrick Jenkin (Secretary of State for the Environment). The courts will not do his dirty work for him."

Mrs Margaret Hodge, chairman of the Association of London Authorities and Labour leader of the rate-capped Islington council, said: "The court's decision was probably a surprise to many of us and was an important victory for local democracy."

She said that Labour councils that had not fixed a rate would make an initiative today to improve their bargaining position with the Government about grants and spending powers. The present system, in which there is a routine meeting today, was a "theatrical absurdity".

Hackney is one of several inner city councils which are boycotting the launch by ministers tomorrow of new city action teams to improve economic and social conditions in deprived urban areas.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce told ministers yesterday that rate-capping had failed in many areas this year because several large city councils had increased business rates by more than double the rate of inflation. Rate-capping was only a first step towards a badly needed reform of the rating system.

MPs deny agreeing to privately funded trip

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A bitter dispute split a Commons select committee last night after its Conservative chairman publicly accused two Labour members of agreeing to controversial private funding for a foreign visit.

The simmering argument involving the envoronmental select committee and a proposed trip to Sweden boiled over when Sir Hugh Rossi, Conservative MP for Hornsey and Wood Green and committee chairman, wrote to Mr Peter Shore, shadow Leader of the Commons, criticizing him for describing the funding offer "as an attempt improperly to influence and subvert the committee".

As disclosed in *The Times* earlier this month, a public relations company chaired by Mr Peter Fry, Conservative MP for Wellingborough, has offered £5,500 towards the cost of a visit by the committee to Sweden.

The offer was made on behalf of a client with a direct commercial interest in the outcome of the committee's inquiry into nuclear waste. It came within days of the committee being refused Commons funds for the trip.

Sir Hugh told Mr Shore he was surprised that two Labour members of his committee, Mr Allan Roberts, MP for Bootle, and Mr Christopher Smith, MP for Islington South and Finsbury, had supported a Commons motion strongly criticizing the private funding proposal, "as they both expressed a wish to accept the offer".

In separate letters to Sir Hugh yesterday, Mr Roberts and Mr Smith vehemently denied his accusations.

Mr Smith accused Sir Hugh of misrepresenting his words and initial response to the funding idea in the Lead Development Association in the letter to Mr Shore.

Mr Roberts told Sir Hugh: "It is not true that I expressed a wish to accept the offer of payment for the select committee to visit Sweden from a private company."

Right-wing ministry man given clearance

By Richard Dowden

The Government is to take no action against Mr Denis Pirie, the Department of Trade and Industry employee whose extreme right-wing activities were disclosed earlier this week.

A statement from the department last night said: "On the information presently available to it, the department has no grounds for taking disciplinary action against Mr Pirie."

A department spokesman explained that ast the intermediate level at which Mr Pirie works there is no ban on political activity, but permission must be sought to stand as an MP. The flavour of the politics is not taken into account.

Mr Pirie was imprisoned in 1962 for organizing "Spearhead", an elite of the British National Socialist Movement, which undertook military training. Photographs of Mr Pirie, released this week, showed him in nazi-style uniforms and giving nazi salutes.

Mr Pirie denied that he was a nazi and said that his past activities were "a bit silly". However, he is a leading light in the "Our Nation" movement, being formed by several leading figures on the extreme right.

Mr Martin Webster, the former National Front leader, is the chairman of the new group and yesterday described it as an organization aimed at influencing the elite in Britain. "It is not a political party, the basic belief is in racial nationalism, the idea that a nation is based on heredity", he said.

He said that it would be launching a magazine later this year aimed at the potential elite of British society. "We will send it to certain MPs and to places like Oxford and Cambridge colleges", he said.

Mr Pirie was not available for comment last night but earlier in the day he said he hoped to be back at work next Monday. He was sent on a week's leave from the department where he is employed on a three-year, £12,000-a-year contract as an export market research adviser. Speaking from his home in Brighton yesterday he said he had been asked by the department not to comment to the Press.

Mr Pirie, who left the National Front in 1976, attended two private meetings of the new movement in London in February and March. A departmental spokesman said: "Mr Pirie had been told of the outcome of the inquiry. We are expecting him back at his desk next Monday."

'Cats' recast

The singer and dancer Anita Harris is to make her London West End musical stage debut in *Cats*, replacing Marti Webb as Grizabella for six months

Women's award: Mrs Madeline Hall-Jackson, joint managing director of Eurotec Optical Fibres, Doncaster, holding the trophy for the Women Mean Business Award which was announced in London yesterday (Photograph: John Voos). "Ambitious women", page 5.

Fall in Ulster terrorism

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Terrorism in Northern Ireland was at its lowest level last year since 1970, although the threat from paramilitaries continues to dominate policing.

But Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, indicates in his annual report published yesterday, the serious difficulties faced by the force because of political stalemate, sectarian division, and the lack of consensus on security and policing.

He is highly critical of both sections of the community who are determined to hold parades

Sir John welcomes a noticable increase in Roman Catholic recruits, they make up about 10 per cent of RUC strength, but condemns "unjustified uninformed and unscrupulous" criticism from within the province while RUC achievements and successes were often ignored.

In an apparent reference to nationalists, Sir John says he hopes more and more people, regardless of religious and political differences, would realize they had a common interest in helping the police.

The chief constable praises informants for their "extraordinary courage and dedication" in helping the RUC. But in spite of the significant progress in reducing terrorism, Sir John says the situation remains unacceptable, and he singles out punishment beatings by terrorists as "brutal, barbaric, contortions of justice involving the use of hurley sticks, or baseball bats, sometimes studded with nails.

"Nothing less than broken limbs and battered bodies satisfies the power lust of the paramilitary godfathers who control such activities, despite their hypocritical utterances about justice and fair play." His report says that there were 44 such incidents last year, all but one carried out by republicans.

This year the RUC has suffered 13 fatal casualties.

Figures in the report show that most terrorism in the province is carried out by republican paramilitaries, who were responsible for 414 murders, attempted murders, and explosions, compared with 32 for loyalists.

The number of deaths was down to 64, although the number of people injured rose. The Army had its worst year since 1982, with nine fatal casualties, but it is the locally-recruited members of the RUC and Ulster Defence Regiment who bear the brunt of terrorist violence with 19 members dying last year.

Last year, 528 people were charged with terrorist offences, compared with 613 in 1983. The security forces uncovered 187 weapons and 3.8 tonnes of explosives, compared with 199 weapons and 1.7 tonnes the previous year.

Last year, according to the report, there were 64 deaths, 334 shootings, 248 bombs and 10 incendiary devices. The figures in 1983 were: 77, 424, 367 and 43. In 1982, the totals were: 97, 547, 332 and 36.

Caution on dismissed miners

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Scottish union leaders yesterday retreated from a proposal for a "day of action" in support of 700 miners dismissed during the year-long strike.

Delegates to the Scottish TUC in Inveness decided instead to have a "day of activity", which will involve workplace meetings to raise financial support for the dismissed pitmen.

The switch in policy was agreed behind the scenes after union leaders voiced serious reservations about the possibility of getting their members to stop work for the day.

Mr Michael McGahey, president of the Scottish NUM was given a standing ovation when he moved the resolution and thanked trade unionists for their support. He said: "I make no amends, I continue the battle. I do not apologize in any way for the 12-months of glorious struggle on the part of the miners."

It had, he said, been a fight for jobs, mining communities and the protection of Britain's energy industry; "that is the issue, not toppling 'governments".

But at the end of it, there were more than 200 members of the NUM in Scotland who had been dismissed. "Don't tell me about the Tolpuddle Martyrs. I got it from my mother's milk. These are the Tolpuddle Martyrs of 1985.

"I am an angry man. I only wish I was younger so it could be expressed in physical terms", he went on. But it was clear he was no longer a young man; a reference to the severe physical beating he was given several weeks ago by unidentified assailants in Edinburgh.

Mr McGahey, "bruised, battered but unbowed", asked "can you tell me another section of this movement that could have stood out for 12 months? But the British miners did it and they are still in struggle and they are still battling".

Labour promises £200m package to boost education

By George Hill, Political Staff

The Labour Party would use central powers to compel low-spending education authorities to spend more on their schools if the party was returned to power, Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the party, said yesterday.

He added: "The present government exercises direction on local councils for purely malevolent purposes. We are offering opportunities to exercise central power benevolently, to direct the use of resources for these purposes in schools."

A Labour government would make £200 million available to restore deficiencies in provision identified by recent reports of the Schools Inspectorate, Mr Giles Radice, the shadow education spokesman, said while introducing a new "Education Charter" as part of the party's campaign for next month's shire county elections.

Mr Radice said that of this sum, £50 million would be spent on employing 14,000 new teachers, £60 million for more in-service training, and £90 million for new books and equipment, with special emphasis on new technology.

Mr Kinnock said Labour's plans for the phasing-out of fee-paying in schools and the assisted places scheme would be implemented "very quickly" if the party regained power.

Mr Radice added: "It is our long-term policy to phase out fee-paying and assisted places straight away, and then act on the charitable status of public schools and their tax advantages.

"We have also to look at the admission system of universities. Fifty per cent of their intake comes from fee-paying schools, which represent only 10 per cent of the school population."

The party's new plan for Britain's schools, described as a "bill of rights for parents and pupils" by Mr Radice, calls for pre-school education for all children whose parents want it, smaller classes, profiles of achievement as well as examination certificates for pupils aged 16, and a right for all school leavers aged 16 to two years of individually-tailored paid training.

The party will discuss its proposals during the next year, with parents, teachers, and other interested parties.

Mr Radice rejected the Government's plans for teacher appraisal, although he accepted that some form of appraisal scheme was desirable.

He said: "There ought to be a new pay structure, and one will have to be agreed sooner or later. Effective appraisal is a very effective tool and it will have some effect on careers and pay, but it should not be imposed without teachers' agreement."

"The present examination system is too much a failure system, not doing enough to motivate. We favour a common 16-plus exam, but without the frills of distinctions and merits. But a pupil profile is more sensible".

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16 more authorities are teacher strike targets

Britain's second largest teacher union has named 16 Conservative-controlled authorities as targets for increased selective strike action in its pay dispute.

The 127,000-strong National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said the strikes will begin as schools return from the Easter break, between today and April 24.

The new "hit list" is in addition to the selective guerrilla strike tactics schoolmasters are already employing in 11 other authorities.

The NAS/UWT dis, however, come out strongly yesterday in favour of the unions meeting the conciliation service Acas, in an effort to break the deadlock in the pay dispute.

The NAS/UWT will put the proposal to the teachers' unions when they meet in London today to review the dispute, which has already disrupted lessons for thousands of children.

Mr Nigel de Grucky, deputy general secretary of the NAS/UWT, claimed yesterday that increased action will mean a total of 13,500 teachers will be involved in strikes at one time or the other, and that the education of 900,000 children will be affected.

The 16 new authorities on the list are: Bexley, Bromley, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Devon, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, Somerset, Surrey, Warwickshire, West Sussex and Wiltshire.

The 11 authorities already affected by the NAS/UWT strikes are Barnet, Bury, Clwd, Ilea, Merton, Oxfordshire, Sefton, Solihull, south Tyneside, Suffolk and Wigan.

Mr de Gruchy said the new authorities were all Conservative and the aim was to persuade them to join other authorities who were recognizing the teachers; case.

The NAS/UWT was the first teacher union to announce details of its increased strike action

Lords alliance to regroup on London council

By Our Political Reporter

Opponents in the House of Lords of the Local Government Bill are to regroup the all-party alliance which last year practically rewrote the so-called "paving" Bill in an attempt to force the Government to replace the Greater London Council with an elected London-wide authority.

After the second reading of the Bill early yesterday, opposition peers were working on their strategy for the crucial committee stage, which begins on April 29

An all-party amendment is to be tabled, similar to that on which the Government suffered two substantial revolts in the Commons, which would give London a successor authority.

Coal board to close third pit in South Wales

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

The National Coal Board in south Wales announced yesterday that it plans to end production at the St John's colliery, Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan. It is the third mine in the coalfield to be threatened with closure since the end of the miners' strike.

The coal board said the pit had become impossible to work successfully as a result of hopeless geology and because productivity had slumped to the lowest rate in the coalfield. More than 350 men of the 700 workforce have said they are interested in taking voluntary redundancy under terms which will provide lump sums of up to £36,000.

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Pension rules for married women eased

About 25,000 married women older than 65 are to benefit from an easing of the qualification rules for retirement pensions announced by the Government last night.

The condition that required them to have paid full-rate National Insurance contributions for at least half the number of years between their marriage and their sixtieth birthday bafore they could receive a pension is to be abolished.

Mr Fowler also confirmed last night in another reply that the £10 Christmas bonus will again be paid this year.

Ready to conquer: The £80 million refit of HMS Conqueror, which sank the General Belgrano, was officially completed at Devonport, yesterday. Her new captain, Commander James Burnell-Nugent (left), is seen with the project manager, Mr Roger Russell.

Sale room

Grand Indian Mughal miniature sets record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A page from the Emperor Akbar's illuminated manuscript of the *Hamza-nama* was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £148,500 (estimate £60,000 to £80,000), setting an auction record for an Indian miniature. The previous record was £82,500, paid for a sixteenth century Mughal drawing in 1983.

The *Hamza-nama* is an account of the exploits of Amir Hamza, an uncle of the Prophet Muhammad. This copy was of imperial grandeur; it is believed to have run to 12 volumes, and to have occupied the court painters for 15 years.

Of the original 1,400 paintings on cotton, about 150 are known to have survived. This monumental undertaking is regarded as the foundation of Mughal painting.

The miniature sold yesterday depicts Amir Hamza burning the armamant chest of Zoroaster, a dramatic scene with wailing spectators. It was sent for sale by an overseas private collector and sold to another; the underbidder was acting on behalf of a Middle Eastern collector.

The second day's sale of Oriental manuscripts and miniatures at Sotheby's followed the same pattern as the first, with several important items unsold but strong prices for some minor items.

The sale totalled £275,484 with 24 per cent unsold. The most significant failure was a Herat manuscript of 1505-06 with 13 important miniatures left unsold at £32,000 (estimate £50,000 to £80,000). But there were some good prices for Ottoman items, with an Arabic dictionary of 1614 at £4,180 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500).

Christie's sale of Chinese ceramics and bronzes also ran into difficulties, with 32 per cent unsold

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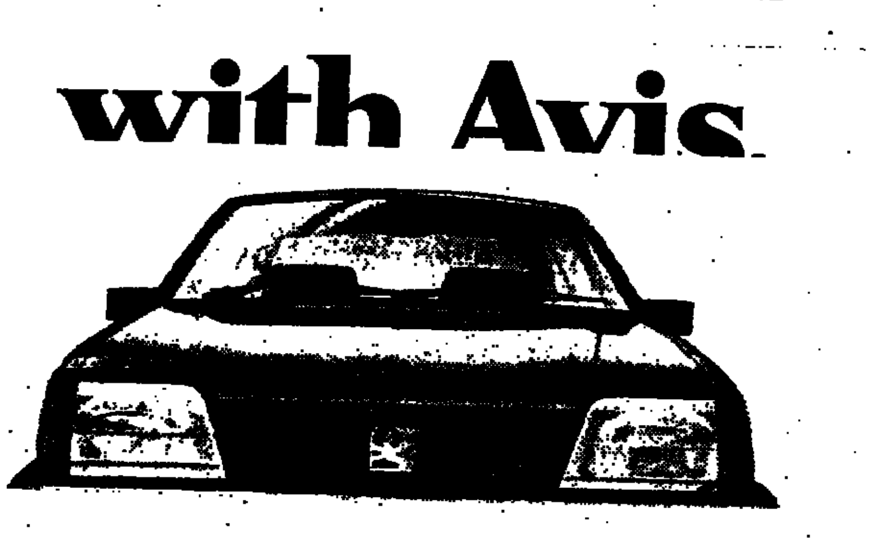

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Abortions may be safer in private sector, three-year study shows

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Fresh evidence that abortions may be safer in the private sector than in the National Health Service has come from a three-year study involving more than 6,100 women.

The study, in which 72 per cent of the abortions were carried out in the NHS, with the remainder in the private sector, showed that women having abortions privately had 42 per cent less risk of complications, such as bleeding, infection, trauma, or subsequent psychiatric illness than those treted in the NHS.

Some of that difference is explained by the fact that the women treated privately tended to have their abortions earlier. They were also less likely to be sterilized at the same time – a procedure which adds to the risk of complications – and fewer having abortions at 13 to 16 weeks of pregnancy were treated with prostaglandins, which carry a higher risk of infection than suction techniques.

Even allowing for these differences, however, and for differences in the age, marital status, education, smoking habits and the number of children the two groups of women had, the NHS still remained significantly more risky for an abortion than the private sector, especially for later abortions at 13 to 16 weeks.

The study, by the Royal Colleges of General Practitioners and of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, was able, however, to check only indirectly, through educational level, whether women treated in the NHS were of lower social class than those treated privately. It is also possible that more of those assessed prior to the abortion to be at greater risk of complications went to the NHS rather than a private abortion clinic.

Nevertheless, the study concludes that the differences in risk between the NHS and the private sector "clearly merit close attention".

The study points to delays in arranging abortions in the NHS, with the risk of bleeding known to be higher the further advanced the pregnancy. Almost half the women operated on at 13 to 16 weeks in the NHS had waited at least three weeks since seeing their family doctor, against only a quarter in the private sector.

The fact that the NHS used prostaglandins far more commonly in later abortions, and was more likely to link the abortion to sterilization, meant longer stays in hospital for the NHS patients – less than 2 per cent of private abortions cases were in for three days or more against more than a third in the NHS.

Prostaglandin treatment may mean an unpleasant experience for the patient, a longer stay and higher costs the study says. It can, however, be done by less experienced junior doctors and can be more acceptable to nursing staff than the more difficult and destructive suction technique, which in expert hands is at least as safe.

Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners, (April 1985).

Bill seeking to simplify house sales withdrawn

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, has withdrawn a Bill intended to reduce the difficulty and expense in house conveyancing.

He told the Lords yesterday that amendments put down would, if passed, defeat the main purpose of the Land Registration and Law of Property Bill.

The need for legislation arose from a Lords ruling in 1981 that where a person in occupation other than the legal estate owner or proprietor has a beneficial interest in the house or the proceeds of its sale, his or her rights prevail against the intended buyer or mortgagee. A beneficial interest can include a share paid for in the property.

The case meant that a prudent purchaser would have to investigate the rights of all occupiers in any domestic conveyancing transaction as a matter of course. The additional costs of those inquiries were estimated to amount to about £7 million in a year in England and Wales.

The Bill sought to make it easier for a mortgagee or an intending buyer of a house when making inquiries to establish whether any person in occupation, other than the legal estate owner or proprietor, holds rights in the property.

The amendments put down for the Bill, which had received its second reading in the Lords, were interpreted by the Lord Chancellor to mean an extension in the number of persons who would have continued to have an overriding interest in a property or transaction, for example a child.

Lord Mishcon, who had put down an amendment, said at the second reading that the Law Commission was considering the issue of overriding interest and what ought to be done to protect the interest of co-owners.

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Gill Price outside Channel Four's offices in London

Abseiling to work

Gill Price, aged 31, an abseiling expert, has just started work as a structural engineer for a company specializing in difficult access work.

Her work involves abseiling down high-rise buildings checking for defects. She also appears in the forthcoming Channel Four television series *Lakeland Rock* which starts on May 4.

Presented by Chris Bonington, one of the programmes will show Gill Price climbing rock faces in the Lake District. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

MP 'target of bawdy poetry'

A Labour MP was the target of a bowdy verse written by a "phantom poet laureate", it was alleged at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday.

Labour Party official, Trevor Ennis was said to have told police he used his "phantom" guise to attack Mr Gerry Bermingham, Labour MP for St Helens South, after hearing him explain his behaviour at a party meeting when his political future was under threat.

Mr Ennis, aged 30 the vice-chairman of St Helens South constituency Labour Party, of Sutton Manor, St Helens, pleads not guilty to two charges of sending indecent material through the post.

Inerviewed by police he was said to have admitted being the author of *The Bermingham File*, which included a parody of a bawdy verse and an indecent imaginary interview between the phontom and a woman

Mr Ennis told Liverpool Crown Court he had nothing whatsoever to do with the publication of the "phantom" newsletters. He said: " I am certainly not a poet and I could not draw to save my life

The case continues.

Complaint by foster parents

The social workers who handled the case of Jasmin Beckford have refused to hand her sister back to her former foster parents, it was claimed yesterday.

Mrs Gay Probert and her husband Peter looked after the two children until they were given back to their parents, who were jailed two weeks ago after the death of Jasmin, aged four.

Brent Council will not now place the dead child's three-year-old sister, in their care.

Mrs Probert criticized the authority for being too "embarrassed" to admit a mistake. The couple, who live in Hillingdon, west London, have said they will continue their attempts to be reunited with the child.

Mrs Probert, a veterinary receptionist, aged 46 and mother of two, said: "When the two children lived here they went from being thin, terrified, unhappy little girls to bundles of lively energy."

Jasmin's stepfather, Maurice Beckford, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court last month for 10 years for manslaughter. Her mother, Beverly Lorrington, was jailed for 18 months for wilful neglect.

Heart swap patient runs full marathon

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A heart transplant patient who was given only two weeks to live before his operation last year has completed a full marathon.

Mr Brian Price, aged 44, of Caldicot, Gwent, was yesterday celebrating his personal victory in the marathon in Boston, Massachusetts. Last January he was given a new heart at Harefield hospital, west London, by Mr Magdi Yacoub, the surgeon.

"There were moments in the race when I thought my legs were going to give in, but everyone running a marathon must feel that way," Mr Price said.

"I think I finished on willpower. It was a fantastic feeling. When I was told I had only a fortnight to live I didn't think I'd ever walk out of hospital, far less run a 26-mile race."

Mr Price trained for the marathon for 11 months, supervised by staff of the Toronto Rehabilitation Centre, who have been collaborating with Harefield hospital.

The Toronto team is beginning a pilot course of exercises with Harefield patients

Protection move for monkeys

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Efforts to obtain the same degree of protection for primates as the law controlling animal experiments gives to cats, dogs and horses are being made by the Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments. The appeal coincides with a promise made yesterday by Mr David Mellor, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, that proposals will be made within the next two weeks by the Government in a White Paper, changing the 109-year-old Cruelty to Animals Act.

When the law was introduced primates such as monkeys, baboons, chimpanzees and gibbons, were not used in experiments. In the past 30 years increasing numbers have been used for three reasons: a general increase in scientific activity, particularly in behaviour and psychology; the developing of vaccines, such as polio vaccine, which needed primate tissues for production and whole primates for testing; and funding of a particular type of extensive reasearch project, particularly in the United States, which made possible the use of larger and more expensive animals, hitherto an unusual aspect of biological research.

The fund found it easier to establish the number used for experimental purposes in America than in Britain. But a survey published in the organization's newsletter shows that more than 5,500 primates a year are being used in Britain.

Eight deny total of 31 spy charges

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

One of Britain's potentially longest spy trials started yesterday at the Central Criminal Court as eight serving or former members of the Armed Forces pleaded not guilty to a total of 31 breaches of the Official Secrets Act.

The men, all in their 20s or early 30s, and formerly serving with a signals regiment in Cyprus, are accused of offences under section 1 of the Act between February 1982 and February 1984.

It took a court official 25 minutes to put the charges to the defendants, who pleaded not guilty to all of them. The defendants are:

Senior Aircraftman Geoffrey Raymond Jones, aged 21, of Pontypool, seven charges; SAC Adam Lightowler, aged 21, of Shropshire, five charges; SAC Christopher Michael Payne, aged 24, of Brighton, four charges; SAC Wayne Christopher Kriehn, aged 21, of Carshalton Surrey, six charges; SAC Gwynfor Reginald Owen, aged 22, of Bangor, North Wales, two charges; Mr David Hardman, aged 21, a former Army signalman, of Swinton, Manchester, three charges; Martin Paul Tuffey, aged 22, a signalman from Wallasey, Merseyside, three charges; and Lance-Corporal Anthony Alexander Glass, aged 31, of south London, one charge.

The charges include communicating information useful to an enemy, collecting information useful to an enemy, and failing to take reasonable care of information.

A total of 140 potential jurors were wanrned of the possible length of the case by Mr Justice Stocker, who told them it could last through the summer. He offered to listen to "cogent and pressing reasons" why potential jurors should not sit.

He also asked them to say if chosen whether they had served in Cyprus between 1982 and 1984 or had relatives who had done so.

They were also asked to declare if they or their relatives had any connections with the security services.

Eighty-four jurors were called before a jury was empanelled. The judge accepted excuses from 59 jurors, including several with holidays booked for September.

As soon as the jury of five women and seven men was sworn in it was told it would not be needed for some weeks because of legal argument.

Earlier before the jury was called, Mr Robin Simpson, QC, for SAC Owen, said that Det Supt Anthony Eames, a witness in the case, had been involved in the positive vetting of the jury. Mr Simpson said Mr Eames would give "highly material and contested evidence in this case."

The policeman's "credibility in due course is bound to be an issue", and Mr Simpson believed he had been in charge or had taken part in the authorized checks of the jurors. He asked for the matter to be properly investigated.

The court adjourned for discussions and later Mr Simpson told the judge "Our fears have been allayed, but I desire to say nothing further"

North loses a third of its public houses

By Robin Young

The number of public houses fell by 6,511, more than a fifth, from 1977 to 1981, according to an Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board report published yesterday.

In the north, the worst affected region, almost a third of public houses trading in 1977 closed.

Of the 60,800 surviving, almost a third were in the south-east, but the regions with the largest number of pubs per head are in the north-west and Yorkshire and Humberside.

The lowest closure rates were in Scotland, 15 per cent, and the south-west, less than one-eighth.

The report says that closures were concentrated among smaller establishments, although they still dominate the industry. Larger establishments increased in number.

There were smaller declines in the number of hotels and guest houses (down by 10 per cent); restaurants, cafés and snack bars (which declined by 12 per cent).

Hotel and Catering Establishments in Great Britain: A Regional Analysis, Part 1, (HCITB Publications, PO Box 18, Wembley, HA9 7AP, £35.50).

	Number of pubs in 1981	% decline since 1977	pubs per 10,000 people
Scotland	5,500	−15	10.7
Wales	2,200	−24	7.9
North	3,300	−32	10.6
North-west	8,700	−27	13.6
Yorks & Humber	6,000	−21	12.3
E Midlands	3,800	−28	10
W Midlands	5,100	−27	9.9
East Anglia	1,800	−18	9.6
South-east	19,400	−15	11.6
South-west	5,000	−12	11.5
	60,800	−21	11.2

Beatles song to be used in TV commercial

The American computer group, Hewlett Packard, is to pay £1,000 a week for the next year for the rights to use a Beatles song in a £1 million television advertising campaign (our Technology Correspondent writes).

The song, "We can work it out", was re-recorded in the Abbey Road studios in London with a group sounding like The Beatles. The campaign, to be focused in London and Manchester, is designed to attract businessmen in their mid-thirties who were Beatles fans

Beatles songs are used sparingly for commercials. According to Mr Julian Appleson, of ATV Music, which through Northern Songs owns the publishing rights of all but about four of the Beatles numbers, the company is anxious not to spoil the Beatles image.

"There seems to be consternation among Beatles fans if Beatles music is used in commercials, he said.

Harrods puts shopping list at finger tip

By Bill Johnstone,
Technology Correspondent

Harrods, one of the oldest department stores in the world, which boasts that it can obtain any object its customers wish to purchase, is installing an electronic system to help it do just that

Soon sales assistants at the store's electrical counter will be able to use a computer terminal to dial into an electronic file, listing more than 10,000 electrical items. The assistant will then be able to find out at the touch of a button whether an item is in stock, and authorize the purchase.

The computer database is run by British Distributing Company (BDC) and based on a system devised by ITL (Information Technology Ltd). The computer file helps retailers to minimize the stock they carry and the Harrods example could soon be used by others in the high street.

Three years for 'Minder' robbery

The man who attacked the actress, Penny Cole, wife of the Minder actor, George Cole, was jailed for three years yesterday after being convicted of robbery.

As Joseph Williams was sentenced he tried to escape from the dock. Twelve policemen and court officials struggled to restrain him. Wiliams was then handcuffed and carried from the court.

Williams, aged 25, from Clapham, south London, denied ripping a £1,000 gold chain from the neck of Mrs Cole, aged 45, last August in Oxford Street. He claimed he was at a friend's house in Streatham at the time.

But after nearly three hours' deliberation the jury at Knightsbridge Crown Court returned a unanimous guilty verdict.

The court heard that Williams, a shipping clerk had convictions for burglary, theft and robbery dating from 1977.

Judge Mendl said that the Coles' son Toby, aged 13, and two passers-by, Mr. Richard Evans and Mr Oliver Small, who chased Williams, should be commended.

Stonehenge case

In an attempt to prevent this year's Midsummer Solstice pop festival at Stonehenge, the National Trust, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission and local landowners and tenants yesterday applied for injunctions against 83 named defendants to prevent them from entering during the period within a three-mile radius of the ancient monument.

MP banned

Mr Francis Cook, aged 49, Labour MP for Stockton North, was banned from driving for three years by Teeside magistrates yesterday. It was his second drink-driving conviction in two years. He was also fined £200 for being nearly three times over the limit and for careless driving last November.

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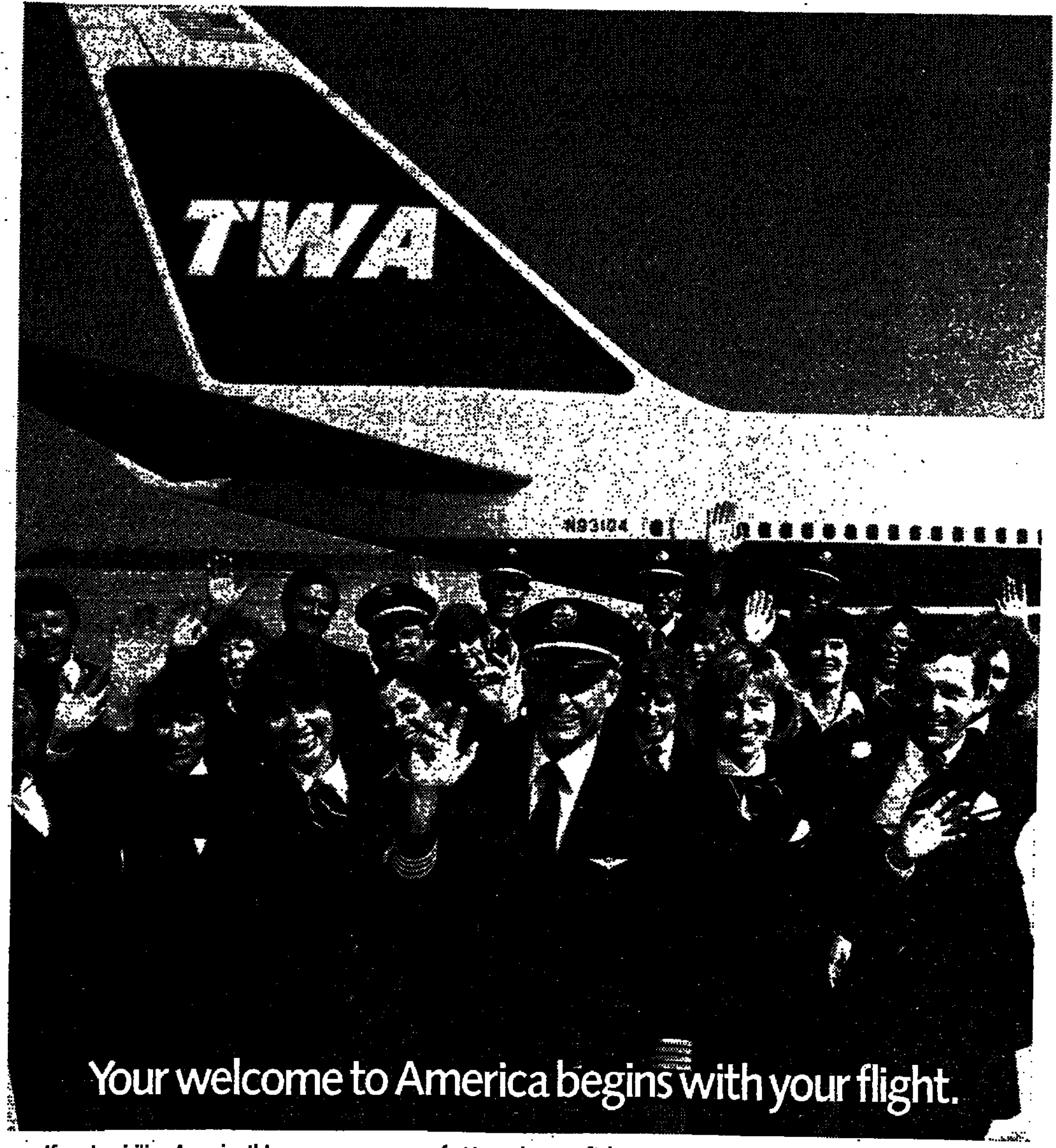

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PM defends her tour in face of Kinnock jibes

FAR EAST TOUR

The Opposition did not want to listen to the truth, it got in the way of their propoganda, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said amid Labour shouts of protest when she repeated during Commons questions remarks she had made about the miners' strike during her recent visit to the Far East.

Everywhere she went she found people knew that the coal strike had lasted for a year, it was pursued by violence and intimidation, the Labour Party supported it throughout and Mr Neil Kinnock, the Leader of the Labour Party, had not had the guts to go to a meeting and condemn it she said to Labour protests and Conservative cheers.

The issue had been raised by Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab) who had asked: How many extra flights to Manchester International Airport will result from her visit to the Far East?

Does it really help this country to talk about "seeing off" a section of Britain's working people (Conservative backbench shouts of: "Yes") who were described recently by the Earl of Stockton as the finest people in the world.

Mrs Thatcher: I think he is referring to a possible application by Singapore International Airlines. There will be talks on that matter starting very shortly. More flights are required into Manchester from Singapore.

With regard to what he said in the second part of his question, may I read out precisely what I said: "Referring to strikes, then came the big one, the strike of coal miners, which is in the public sector. The great acheivement of that was not only that some miners stayed working, not only that we saw it off after a year, (Labour interruptions) but that the steel workers were not going to go out in support, nor were the rail workers going to go out in support.

"The docks, mostly private, were brought out on a false pretence for about a fortnight. May I cheer you up a bit. We resisted that year-long strike. One outstanding achievement was that, among trade unions in Britain, not one gave support because they were learning the facts of life."

Mr David Steel, the leader of the Liberal Party said: Since the Chancellor has told the House that inflation is likely to rise to 6 per cent later this year, does she agree with her Far Eastern target of 3 per cent? When is she going to have a target level for reducing unemployment.

Mrs Thatcher: I think inflation can be got down further. The Chancellor said it is likely it could go up slightly before it goes down. We must pursue policies that get inflation down. Three per cent is still inflation.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: In view of the fact that Britain's share of world manufacturing trade has dropped by 20 per cent during the six years she has been in office, does she not think it would now be best for everyone for her to concentrate her attention on policies for production and sales instead of trips for self-promotion?

Mrs Thatcher: If he is realy interested in selling more goods – which I doubt – why does he support strikes which have the most devastating effect on Britain's reputation – and he supports the lot – and why in the world does he not recognise that if we are to get more jobs, we must get our unit labour costs down?

Mr Kinnock: Has she not yet learned that one of the best ways to reduce labour costs and increase our export performance is to sponsor and encourage policies for investment, for design, for training and for employment which would also have their effect on labour relations?

Why does she not introduce and encourage such policies instead of dashing around everywhere like an egotistical flea in a fit?

Mrs Thatcher: Investment was at an all time record last year; I held the first design seminar at Downing Street and we have the best training system ever known in this country.

PM: Truth gets in way of Labour propaganda

Mr Francis Pym (South East Cambridgeshire, C): Discarding the absurd remarks of Mr Kinnock and acknowledging the success of her visit to the Far East, will she now reveal to the House her itenerary for the Whitsun recess? (Laughter.)

Mrs Thatcher: I am very grateful to him. That has been fixed for some time. It is Chequers. (Laughter).

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab): Does she now believe it would be better if Britain did not export arms to Sri Lanka in view of the oppression and that the service training agreements with the Sri Lankan armed forces should also be ended?

Mrs Thatcher: Sri Lanka has a terrorist problem and we believe that terrorism must never be allowed to win. Any applications for arms are dealt with specifically and are not usually revealed.

Mr Andrew Mackay (East Berkshire, C): Will Mrs Thatcher consider who is more likely to create jobs – those who stay at home and carp and make cheap political propaganda or those who tour the Far East and help create the sort of climate that will generate British business and orders in the future?

Mrs Thatcher: What the Labour Party cannot stand is the outstanding welcome we received on that tour wherever we went.

Mr Gareth Wardell (Gower, Lab): Will Mrs Thatcher tell the House what decisions her Cabinet colleagues have made in her absence which she will disassociate herself from when she next goes abroad? (Laughter)

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Wardell will be relieved to know there were no Cabinet meetings. (More laughter)

Fewer blood donations: no risk to donors

HEALTH

There was abolutely no risk of contracting AIDS through donating blood, Mr John Patten, Under Secretary of State for Health, declared at question time in the Commons.

He said that enquiries suggested there had been some reduction in donations in the past few months.

It is not possible (he continued) to distinguish how much of this is due to publicity on AIDS and how much to other factors such as the bad weather experienced earlier this year.

Our revised leaflet for blood donors concerning AIDS was, of course, deliberately designed to cause those in the high risk groups to refrain from donation.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure all members of the public that there is absolutely no risk of contracting AIDS through donating blood.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab), who raised the issue, said there was an acute shortage of blood for the transfusion services.

At least some of this shortage (he continued) is caused by the reluctance of people to come along for fear of being embarrassed by being refused because of AIDS.

There is a need for action by Mr Patten to encourage more of the public to come along and give blood.

Mr Patten: Preliminary figures show a 5 to 6 per cent drop in the amount of donations in the first three months of this year.

People should not be inhibited from coming forward to donate blood. There is no risk whatsoever of contracting Aids.

All the equipment is sterilized and is disposed of immediately after being used, and used once only.

We are spending £250,000 in the current financial year to encourage more people to come forward and be blood donors.

Mr Robert Key (Salisbury, C): Those of us who might be blood donors have a responsibility to give a lead in this matter. Can Mr Patten give an assurance that the HTLV3 test which was promised for July is still on target. That will give a good deal of hope to the regional blood transfusion authorities.

Mr Patten: We hope to have a screening test in a very few weeks.

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab): Will Mr Patten encourage the regions to send blood to the Elstree unit to get better and safer use of blood?

Mr Patten: Yes, that is a good idea. All the more so in the run up to the opening of the blood products laboratory at Elstree which is on target for completion in January 1986 at a cost of £35 million.

Home Secretary hopes to cut waiting time before trials

JUSTICE

Adequate and modernized police powers must be accompanied by safeguards against misuse of the powers, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said when he moved in the Commons the second reading of the Prosecution of Offences Bill, which has passed the Lords.

The Government, he told MPs, was also showing, by introducing the Bill, its acceptance of the view of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure that the time had come to introduce a prosecution system wholly independent of the police.

The Bill establishes a Crown Prosecution Service for England and Wales, headed by the Director of Public Prosecutions. It also makes new law on the award of costs in criminal cases and puts time limits on the preliminary stages of criminal proceedings.

Mr Brittan said the Bill as introduced in the House of Lords included a clause empowering the Attorney General to refer to the Court of Appeal any Crown Court sentence which appeared to be excessively lenient. The particular sentence would not be affected, but the Court of Appeal would have been able to offer an opinion on it.

We saw this as a strictly limited but none the less worthwhile change which (he went on) would have helped to strengthen public confidence in our system of criminal justice. The Court of Appeal already takes the opportunity when passing judgement in appeals against sentence to set out principles of sentencing in particular kinds of cases for the guidance of the lower courts. I wery much welcome its willingness to do so.

The procedure we proposed would have widened that role by providing an opportunity for the court to give guidance specifically in the context of cases where the sentence had given rise to public concern. The Attorney General made it clear that the power was one which he would want to use sparingly.

This proposal (he continued) did not find favour in the Lords. Neither the Lord Chancellor, the Attorney General nor I were or are persuaded by the arguments deployed there. It would be difficult to recognize the essentially limited measure I have described in the apocalyptic visions which were conjured by some of those who spoke in the Lords debate.

The chief criticism – that the procedure for referring sentences would have breached the principle that the prosecution should not be involved in sentencing decisions – seemed to him misconceived. There was a world of difference between routine prosecution involvememt in sentencing decisions and a procedure under which the Attorney General as a law officer assessed whether a sentence had given rise to genuine public concern and raised issues which could usefully be ventilated in the Court of Appeal.

Nevertheless, the strength and breadth of feeling on the subject in the Lords was considerable and not to be set aside lightly, certainly not without a wider measure of support for the provision than had so far come forward. He would like to reflect on the matter further.

He had no present plans to reintroduce the provision during the remaining stages of this Bill but did not propose to let the matter simply rest. Public interest in sentencing, which was scarcely mentioned in the Lords debate, was strong and persistent and to ignore it would be to do the country no service.

He would in any event have the matter very much in mind in preparing the Criminal Justice Bill which, it was planned to introduce later in this Parliament.

The Bill contained an enabling provision to empower the Home Secretary to set time limits on the period before trial and the period spent in custody awaiting trail.

The number of prisoners awaiting trial had increased from 4,000 in 1979 to 8,000 now and some had been waiting in custody a year or more. All unnecessary delays were against the interests of justice. Memories faded and the accused person was left uncertain of his fate. The case for speedy trail was overwhelming.

The time limits must be both tight and realistic. The court would have power to extend the time limits but only if it was satisfied there was good cause and that the prosecution had acted with expedition. Where the delay was caused by the defence, the prosecution, should expect to have its application for an extension granted.

The accused would have to be released on bail after the custody time limit. If the time limit for bringing a case to trial was reached, the accused would have to be treated as having been acquitted. That was the only ultimate sanction to compel the prosecution to meet the time limit.

He did not have a particular time limit in mind. Field trials would be carried out and they could then judge what limits were appropriate. They must be tight enough to act as a real discipline but not so tight that there would be fequent applications to extend them. The Home Office was drawing up plans for the field trials and wanted to consult fully.

They aimed to bring the new service into operation in October 1986, except in the six police force areas covering the metropolitan counties where it would start in April 1986. The date for involving the powers to make time limits must depend on the outcome of the field trials.

Mr John Morris, Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, welcomed the main thrust of the Bill to set up an independent prosecution service. They were entering, he said, a novel field for England and Wales and he believed that after five years of the operation of the new service there should be an independent inquiry into its working.

This was not a privatization measure but an extension of central state activity. This seemed to run contrary to the Government's whole theme. What was important was that the services should attract good people, with a career structure that would satisfy the best.

He welcomed the extension of the right of acquitted defendants to obtain costs in summary trials and also the proposals for a time limit for prosecutions, although he wished the latter were more definite.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Warrington South, C) said he welcomed the clause giving the Home Secretary power to set time limits for the preliminary stages of criminal proceedings.

He also called for another look at the way work was divided up between the Crown Court and magistrates courts. The Crown Courts today were chock-a-block and many of the cases could perfectly well have been dealt with in the magistrates court.

Often, when sitting as a Recorder, he found that when a person got to the Crown Court he duly pleaded guilty. There was nothing the Recorder could do about it. He must not sentence a person more severely because of it.

Liberals twitted over new microphone

COMMONS

The installation of two new microphones in the Commons chamber, and in particular one above the Liberal leader, Mr David Steel, was raised in a bout of light-hearted points of order.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) suggested a microphone had been put in for Mr Steel because he was engaged in an identity contest with Mr David Owen, Leader of the Social Democrats.

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) was the first to raise the issue. He sits on the Government benches opposite Mr Steel and also found a new microphone above his head on returning from the Easter recess.

In view of the cost of installing what he described as completely unnecessary instruments, Mr Harris wanted it made clear that neither he nor his Conservative friends had any wish for them to be installed. The sole responsibility must rest with Mr Steel.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) urged the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, to encourage the wider circulation of the minutes of the Services Committee.

This (he said) would allow Mr Harris to know that it was his honourable friends and those of Mr Skinner who quite properly agreed that the microphone system needed improving.

Sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford and Spalding, C), a near neighbour of Mr Harris, said: We have no unruly elements bullying us here. Was the microphone put here in the hope that MPs opposite were going to come across and join us? Or do they have some hopes after the general election they might be here?

Mr Skinner: I have made no representations. I am satisfied with the microphones that have existed here for donkeys years. I don't see why there should be one installed especially for Mr Steel who is having an identity contest with the leader of the SDP.

In the House of Commons the Leader of the Opposition is heckled, the Prime Minister is heckled, I get heckled – as you can probably hear now – and I do not care about it.

It never worries me and I don't see why this House of Commons, using taxpayers' money, should put in a special extra microphone for the leader of the Liberal Party. I am quite happy sharing mine with all the others on this bench.

The Speaker: As long as I do not get heckled. This is a matter for the Services Committee. I used to be a member of that committee. It is composed of people of great wisdom.

Drug trial volunteers must be forewarned

HEALTH

Those who volunteered for drug trials must be fully warned of what they were undertaking and must not be induced to take part in these trials simply by money, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, said during Commons questions.

Every body who looked into the trials, including the Medicines Commission and the Royal College of Physicians, had so far said that statutory regulations were not required, he added.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, had said Mr Clarke should assure MPs that he would introduce statutory regulations into this key area urgently. As for the tragic death of Mr Phillip Jones in Wales, the pharmaceutical industry's own guidelines had been repeatedy breached because vulnerable groups such as the unemployed were regularly used for these experiments.

The ethical committee set up to supervise experiments were often of the drug companies' own friends and associates. Monitoring of disablement or injury from the experiments was kept.

Drug companies from overseas (he said) are flocking to this country for this purpose precisely because this sensitive area is not regulated.

Mr Clarke said he was not aware of any of these things and he would be interested to hear if there was any evidence for such assertions. He took a serious view of any suggestion that the guidance was not being followed that other mistakes were being made, or that volunteers were being put at risk.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) referred to the case of Mr Jones and said there was need for regulations to ensure that drug companies put up a bond or some sort of insurance against the need for compensation when poor people were being induced to volunteer by the small rewards offered by the drug companies.

Mr Clarke said he could not comment on the Welsh case because the inquest had not been held yet.

All the rules were being reviewed by the Royal College of Physicians and he hoped then that the Medicines Commission would examine the results and say if any improvements were needed.

The industry's code allowed for compensation to be paid if harmful results followed trials but nobody knew if the Welsh case arose from a trial.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab): Mr Clarke cannot shrug off responsibility like that. There is a need for an independent assessing body to ensure full information about these trials and to ensure that volunteers know the risks and the nature of the drugs involved.

Mr Clarke: I am not shrugging off responsibility. The Medicines Commission is an independent body and has already told us that it does not think legislation is required but will be looking at the updating of the guidance by the various bodies.

Workplace ballots in secret

UNION LAW

There was a presumption in the Trade Union Act that there would be postal ballots, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister said in the Commons at question time.

She had been asked by Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) if her attention had been drawn to the evidence of ballot rigging in the selection for the leadership of the transport workers' union.

If we want responsible and representative leaders of our great trade unions, should we not insist on mandatory postal balloting? he asked.

Mrs Thatcher: That was considered during the passage of the Trade Union Bill 1984, which comes into force on October 1 this year. There are cases of unions where the postal ballot would not be appropriate, such as the National Union of Seamen.

But there is in that Act a presumption that there will be a postal ballot and if there is not there has to be a secret ballot at the workplace, or somewhere more convenient, and there are very stringent conditions attached.

Everyone should be able to vote in secret and without interference or constraint and if any member is dissatisfied with the way in which it is conducted he can apply to the certification officer with his complaint and require a postal ballot.

Left attacked over strike call to youngsters

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons at question time she deplored the proposed action by the trade union rights group in Liverpool on April 25 as politically inspired and counter-productive.

She was replying to Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) who said that some irresponsible members of the Labour Party had called for young people to go on strike on April 25.

This is both mischievous and irresponsible (he added).

Mrs Thatcher: I understand this proposed action is planned by the trade union rights group in Liverpool. I deplore that politically-inspired and counter-productive action. It is against the youth training scheme which is designed to give them more skills.

It is totally inspired by the extreme left-wing of the trade union movement.

Warning on use of LSD

Although the misuse of LSD was less widespread than in the early 1970s there had been some increase in the last four or five years and the Government was keeping a close watch on the problem, Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary, Home Office, told the House of Lords

Lady Masham of Ilton (Ind): With so much emphasis on cocaine and heroin we should not forget the dangers of other drugs like LSD

Lord Glenarthur: LSD is already a tightly controlled drug. Traffickers can be punished by sentences of up to 14 years and these can be increased to life imprisonment under a Bill being introduced in the Commons with Government support.

Lady Lane-Fox (C) pointed out that it was easy to conceal this drug. She recalled an experience in 1962 when she inadvertently took LSD as a result of a woman concealing some of the drug in her food. The woman subsequently jumped to her death from the sixth floor.

It may be (she added) that the public should be better informed of what are the effects of LSD.

Lord Glenarthur: It can be used in small quantities which is one of the features of this drug. An information leaflet provided by the Department of Health and Social Security highlights the [illegible] of dangers this drug has. A general campaign of education and information is being undertaken.

Mortgage interest pledge

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, confirmed during Commons questions to loud Conservative cheers that as long as she was Prime Minister mortgage interest tax relief would be a policy of the Conservative Party.

She was replying to Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) who has said: Millions of home owners up and down the country are appalled at the proposal which has come from the Opposition that the Labour Party will abolish mortgage tax relief.

Will the Prime Minister confirm that her Government remains committed to our present policy of mortgage interest tax relief?

Progress in talks about prescribing

LIMITED LIST

Discussions between the Government and the medical profession about a mechanism that would allow drugs not generally available at NHS expense to be prescribed in exceptional circumstances are making good progress, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during Commons questions.

I am optimistic (he added) that they will reach a successful outcome very quickly.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick upon Tweed, L): Ought not the mechanism to have been in place from the beginning of the limited list? Is it not wrong to put the onus on the British Medical Association?

Mr Fowler: It is up to the BMA to have started talks. There in no way in which I can start discussions with the medical profession unless it is prepared to do so. Even the Liberal Party must accept that.

We started talks on the appeal mechanism as soon after the regulation was passed by the House as was possible.

Mr Robert McCriadle (Brentwood and Ongar, C): Is it correct that some doctors appear to be going out of their way to circumvent the provisions of the scheme? Will he give an undertaking that he will do all he can to ensure that, consistent with patients continuing to receive the drugs they require, the anticipated savings will still be achieved?

Mr Fowler: Yes, I give that assurance. There is very little evidence that any abuses are taking place, but we will keep the position under review.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab): Would it not have been far better if he had awaited the outcome of his discussions and the establishment of the appeals machinery before invoking what is causing concern among doctors and patients?

Mr Fowler: I do not accept that.

Options open after death in custody

There was no connection between the short, sharp treatment regime and the deaths of seven inmates of Glenochil young offenders institution, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in the Commons when answering questions about the death of Mr Derek Harris, aged 16.

Mr Martin O'Neill (Clackmannan, Lab), who had called for a statement on the death, asked what further steps Mr Younger was proposing to allay public anxiety about the imprisonment of young offenders in Scotland.

There had been seven deaths in five years at Glenochil. Does Mr Younger think (he added) that Glenochil is something different from other institutions or if these tragedies are common to the whole of the Scottish prison system?

Mr Younger replied only two deaths were in the detention centre part of the institution. He would not like to close any options which might be thrown up by the inquiry.

Peers support abolition Bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Local Government Bill abolishing the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan county councils was read a second time in the House of Lords early on Tuesday. An Opposition amendment to the motion for second reading which regretted "the failure to provide a local and democratic framework for the strategic services essential to the capital city and the metropolitan areas" was rejected by 235 votes to 109 – Government majority, 126.

Lord Campbell of Alloway (C) said he questioned whether it was either wise or within the spirit of the unwritten constitution to divide the House of a second reading on what was in effect a motion of no confidence in a Bill which reflected a manifesto commitment

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said all the evidence which had accumulated since the Government embarked on this Bill made it abundantly clear that an inquiry was necessary

The Government did not like Mr Livingstone, but if you disagreed with a vicar's theology you did not pull his church down; you waited for a new vicar. Much as the opposition disliked this measure it would abide by the long standing convention of the House not to vote against a Bill on second reading.

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, said the Government was not trying to see off Mr Livingstone but was proposing to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan councils because they had proved to be an unnecessary tier of government and a wasteful and extravagant use of taxpayers' money.

Government defeated

INSOLVENCY BILL

The Crown's preference over secured and unsecured creditors for VAT debts has been reduced from a 12 month period to six months as a result of a Government defeat in the House of Lords during the third reading of the Insolvency Bill.

Lord Mottistone (C), proposed the reduced period, said it was still a generous period and sufficient time to enable a reasonable diligent VAT collector to make his inquiries and set in train procedures for recovery in the event of default.

Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, the Lord Advocate, said the amendment related only to VAT leaving the period for other preferential debts remaining at 12 months. That would produce an absurdity which no logic or reason could support.

The amendment was carried by 101 votes to 90 – majority 11, the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Progress of Bills

The Royal Bank of Scotland Bill was read the third time in the Commons and the Bath City Council Bill read a second time.

Sale of property Bill withdrawn

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government has withdrawn its Land Registration and Law of Property Bill which was awaiting th committee stage in the House of Lords because of amendments put down which, if passed, would defeat the object of reducing the amount of paper work necessary in house purchase, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, told peers.

The main objective of the Bill (he said) was to restrict the number of inquiries necessary on the purchase of a house. The amendments put down by Lord Mishcon and Lord Foot, if passed, would defeat the main purpose of the Bill.

I think that in the circumstances (he continued) the only course is for me to withdraw the Bill

Law reform is either by consent or not at all.

Lord Mishcon (Lab) said that he owed the House an explanation for what had happened and reminded the House that in the second reading debate he had referred to concern being expressed among the legal profession at the apparent effects of the Bill.

The Bill would have removed protection from those who had a monetary interest in the home and who were possibly relatives of the occupier or who might indeed be disabled people who had contributed to an extension of the house in question.

Because of that removal of protection (he continued) amendments were put down and the Lord Chancellor saw me and indicated if these amendments were passed at the committee stage it would make it very difficult for the Bill to proceed further.

Dismissed busman in closed shop case wins appeal right

Mr Jim Sakals, aged 57, a bus driver who was dismissed after asking his employers, the United Counties bus company to stop his subscription to the TGWU because he objected to their political affiliation to the Labour Party, was given permission in the Appeal Court yesterday to fight for the right not to belong to a union.

He was given leave to appeal against decisions of an industrial tribunal and the employment appeal tribunal that his dismissal was unlawful. Now unemployed, Mr Sakals, of Bestwood Green, Corby, Northamptonshire, joined the company in 1961. He fled to Britain when driven out of his native Latvia by Communist troops, 40 years ago.

He always votes Conservative and says he "loathes" the Labour Party and socialism. He objects to being compelled to belong to the TGWU because of its support of the Labour Party.

He told Lord Justice Ackner, Lord Justice Robert Goff and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce that his beliefs were "deeply held" and said the Employment Act 1980 gave him the right to opt out of the union. The tribunal ruled that his objections were not to union membership but to the closed-shop agreement and were not covered by the Act.

But Mr Sakals, a father of two, told the court that the decision "made a mockery of the Act". He added: "I object to being compelled, at the cost of my employment, to remain a member of a union which is out to destroy everything I believe in.

"I was dismissed after 22 years' loyal service, with an unblemished record, for no reason whatsoever except for one thing, to leave the closed shop. They callously and mercilessly sacked me which seems unjust in a democratic and free country."

The judges said that Mr Sakals had a case of considerable public importance that should be heard. They recommended that he seek legal aid and the assistance of legal representation because of the importance of the case.

Growth in regional air traffic

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Continued rapid growth in Britain's regional airports in addition to any provision for London and the south-east was predicted by Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, yesterday.

If current traffic growth continued, the £200 million investment authorized by the Government in local authority airports during the past five years could well increase, Mr Spicer said.

British aviation was the strongest and most successful in the world outside the US, Mr Spicer said in the Shetlands last night; and in order to cope with an expected continuous increase in traffic the fabric of Britain's airports needed to be modernized

There would be no airport expansion for its own sake, but only to satisfy demand and to be self-financing.

Inclusive tour traffic would continue to provide growth for regional airports but not exclusively; Manchester alone had 15 new scheduled destinations this year.

Yorkshire producing coal again

Tensions still simmer behind pit gates

From Peter Davenport
Doncaster

A month after the end of the miners' strike, the return to normality in the pits of the Yorkshire coalfield is proceeding on schedule. It will be the end of the year before full production is achieved, but many of the 53 collieries are again turning out some coal.

Colliery car parks are full of miners' vehicles, the canteens are bustling and local union officials are talking again to pit managers.

The industry is glad to be out of the headlines and off the television news bulletins. On the surface the return to normal working appears to be going more smoothly than could have been imagined.

Yet problems and tensions still simmer behind the pit gates. Local union leaders accuse the coal board of adopting hard-line management techniques.

Miners who broke the strike and returned to work in defiance of the union complain that the board is letting them down by going back on assurances given in the drive to break the dispute.

Coal board officials admit that the industry and relations between those who work in it are never going to be the same.

"You have to remember that for 12 months men have been taught to hate. That is not going to change overnight, if ever. The relationship between men and management has changed: let's just say it's now businesslike", one official said.

"At some pits the situation is much better than people would have imagined but where things are bad they are very bad"

In the days before the strike ended officially 23 per cent of the 49,000 NUM men at Yorkshires's pits were defying the pickets to report for work. But in the militant Doncaster area only 6 per cent of the 12,000 strong workforce at its pits were working.

The coal board anticipated problems in is policy of "integration" – easing strikers and workers back into a team – and appointed a senior industrial relations officer in Doncaster specifically to handle the problems of the strike-breakers.

Mr Tony Ellis, a Yorkshire miner who became vice-chairman of the National Working Miners' Committee, accuses the coal board of not doing enough to help men they encouraged to break the strike.

He condemns the boards' integration policy and says it should be more flexible in moving men, if not to Nottinghamshire en masse, at least to other pits or areas within the Yorkshire coalfield.

To see how the return to normality was progressing I visited the Markham Main colliery at Armthorpe, near Doncaster, a pit with a militant reputation. Its miners were the last to return to work.

The original letter from the miners' union's area headquarters announcing the strike is still displayed on the union noticeboard in the canteen alongside a notice detailing funds collected for men dismissed during the dispute.

Of the pit's workforce of 1,400 only 38 broke the strike and they are treated with contempt. Mr George Longmate the colliery manager, has adopted a tough policy.

"There was one real incident when men began chanting 'kill the scabs' and banging lockers in the pit head baths as some of the working miners came in.

"I interviewed those responsible in the presence of NUM officials and told them I wanted a categoric assurance it would not happen again. I got it and the men involved were told in writing if it happened again it would mean dismissal."

Mr Jimmy Miller, the NUM branch secretary, however says that the management is adopting a tougher attitude and trying to remove traditional "perks" the customs and practices built up at the pit over many years.

Mr Miller says that almost 500 men at the pit have applied for redundancy. "They see the chance of getting some money and feel they would rather do that than wait to be sacked by a management which is much tougher than before. Eighty-two have gone already."

The board in Yorkshire has reported that 49 of its 53 pits were producing some coal. Last week they turned out 264,000 tonnes against a normal production figure of 650,000 tonnes.

The return to full production is expected by the end of the year, the return to normal relations within the pits is going to take much longer.

More funds wanted for minority art

The Commission for Racial Equality called for stronger support yesterday for the arts of minority groups and greater appreciation of their contribution to the total culture of Britain. (Tony Samstag writes).

It notes that the arts of the West Indies, for example, though "rich and vital . . . have suffered and still continue to suffer from the cultural dominance of Europe and North America". The commission argues that ethnic minorities must be encouraged to fulfil an "expressive need" involving questions of cultural and individual identity raised by life in an ethnically foreign country.

The institutions involved with art in Britain have ignored the needs of its ethnic minorities, the commission concludes. It calls for a number of administrative and funding initiatives involving the Arts Council and central government, and including long-term funding for the Notting Hill Carnival, which it refers to as a unique event

The Arts of Ethnic Minorities: status and funding (Commission for Racial Equality, Elliott House, 10/12 Allington St, London SW1E 5EH, £1).

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Moderates set to win civil service union back from left

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The ultra-left Militant Tendency faces a trouncing in its last remaining stronghold in the labour movement, the Civil and Public Services Association.

Internecine political strife on the left within the largest civil service union is likely to hand power back to the moderates next month.

Voting for the CPSA national executive will be declared at the union's conference in Brighton in four weeks, and the present 18-5 majority for the left is expected to be reversed as a result of the in-fighting.

The union's 143,000 members have been presented with three rival lists of contenders for the leadership: one from the new Broad Left 84 group; one from the Militant Tendency; and one from the right-wing Daylight Group.

The left split at a conference in Manchester last November, when the Broad Left 84 group ejected the Militant Tendency. Mr Steve Cardownie, a leading member of the new group, said: "We are the legitimate left. Militant are on their way out, and not before time."

The moderates are watching the political conflict on the left with expectation. With only one list from their supporters, they expect to profit handsomely and take over the running of the union that only last week voted marginally against industrial action over pay.

Mrs Kate Losinska, veteran anti-communist, looks certain to retain the presidency in a three-cornered contest against Mr Ray Alderson, a communist, and member of Broad Left 84 and Mr Kevin Roddy, a Militant Tendency nominee. Both the left candidates have 80 nominations.

But in the poll for the 23-member executive, Militant Tendency has been able to field only 12 candidates, while the Broad Left 84 group is contesting every seat, as are the moderates. A spokesman for BL 84 said last night: "We may lose power this year, perhaps for several years, but it will be worth it to establish a credible and serious left within CPSA."

The first casualty of the shift to the moderates created by dissension on the left is likely to be Mr Alderson, who will lose his place on the TUC General Council in September to Mr Alastair Graham, the union's general secretary, who was unseated from that post by the left coalition before it broke up.

Major road difficulty ahead for Jaguar

By Clifford Webb
Motoring Correspondent

A £400 million scheme to double production of cars at Jaguar's Coventry factory during the next five years is threatened by local opposition to the construction of a new access road which could force the increasingly profitable car maker to move to a more accessible site.

Jaguar has told Coventry City Council that the new road is crucial to its future on the present site because factory traffic is already causing chaos in Browns Lane, the only access road which passes through a built-up residential area.

It wants the council to build a £2 million road from the rear of the factory to link with a main road a mile away. It will cross green fields known locally as the Coundon Wedge.

Early this year Jaguar called a public meeting to explain its plans. Five hundred crowded into a local hotel and more had to be turned away. Opinions appeared to be equally divided.

A second public meeting was held last night, this time at the behest of the city council who have delayed pronouncing on the new road while they take a further sounding of public reaction.

A Jaguar executive said last night: "It is for the council to decide the actual route of the new road but we believe it could skirt Coundon Wedge.

"By 1990, we want to be building 60,000 cars a year compared with 33,000 last year. Every single car is tested on the road, and together with increased day and night factory traffic, it would make life in Browns Lane environmentally unacceptable."

Businesslike note: The jazz musician John Dankworth and his wife, Cleo Laine, receiving a cheque for £15,000 from Lord Gowrie (centre), Minister for the Arts, yesterday, on behalf of the Wavendon Allmusic Plan. The award is one of the first made under the Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Solicitors 'expensive slow and aloof'

People who use solicitors almost exclusively for conveyancing have a poor regard for the profession, according to a survey for *The Solicitor's Guide to Advertising and Publicity*, to be published on April 25 (Peter Evans writes).

"In the main, they considered solicitors to be unfriendly, aloof, expensive, slow and too expensive for the service that was provided," the survey says.

The exceptions were when the solicitor was a friend or family contact.

Clients would prefer solicitors to publish fixed price scales or provide at least more comprehensible competitive pricing; quicker services, especially conveyancing; be more friendly and approachable and less condescending, towards women in particular.

The Solicitor's Guide to Advertising & Publicity. (The Professional Direction Ltd and Sweet and Maxwell. £39.50p.)

£10,000 to fight pylon scheme in countryside

The prospect of pylons marching across the countryside has united a rural community to take on the Southern Electricity Board.

Residents of Tadley in north Hampshire have pledged £10,000 to fight the building of a seven-and-a-half-mile long powerline across neighbouring countryside. Its route would cross the last stretch of open land between Basingstoke, in the south, and Thatcham and Newbury on the edge of the M4.

In its path are the ancient woodlands of Pamber Forest, a site of scientific interest, and 535 trees that will have to be cut down, some more than 300 years old.

Last year after the scheme was announced, 1,700 people signed a petition against the board's proposal, and since then a 350-strong action group, Stop Pylons Across Our Rural Environment (Spare), has been formed.

Spare wants the powerline sunk underground, which the board says will increase its £3 million cost 10 times. The action group say underground lines will cost only £8.5 million.

Spare has retained a barrister to argue its case at the public inquiry which begins today at Tadley Community Centre. Hampshire County Council, Basingstoke Borough Council and six parish councils will also oppose the board's plan.

Mr David Tucker, for Spare, said: "The whole development would be out of scale with the environment. The average pylon is 30 metres high while the average house is 10 metres. The countryside is made up of small fields, and trees. The pylons would look totally out of place."

Officer reprimanded over hitting buoy

The officer on watch on board HMS Southampton during exercises last year was severely reprimanded by a court martial at Portsmouth yesterday after his ship hit a navigational buoy.

The court was told that Lieutenant Clive Wood, aged 26, of Cosham, Hampshire, was officer of the watch on board the guided-missile destroyer Southampton when it hit and sank a buoy on October 10 last year.

Lieutenant Wood pleaded guilty to negligently causing his ship to be a hazard while on exercises off Portland Bill.

Lieutenant Commander David Lancaster, for the defence, said Lieutenant Wood had been given insufficient information when he took over the watch. "The second officer of the watch gave very poor service and Lieutenant Wood was distracted by other operations taking place that night."

The court was told that the captain and the navigating officer are to face court martials

Ambitious women 'still face struggle'

Miss Angela Rippon, the broadcaster, yesterday criticized "the mindless discrimination" so many women in business had to fight against.

"It is still too much of a struggle for ambitious women to be taken seriously", she said at the presentation of the Women Mean Business Award for 1984, jointly sponsored by *Options* magazine and Imperial Life financial group.

Miss Rippon said prejudice against women neglected their talents in favour of men. "I am no tub-thumping feminist, but I believe in the right person being allowed to do the job regardless of sex."

This year's winner of the first prize, which included a silver rose bowl trophy and a £5,000 holiday for two in Australia, was Mrs Madeleine Hall-Jackson, founder with her husband of Eurotec Optical Fibres in Doncaster in 1977.

In the first year turnover was £280,000 and by last year it was at the £1 million mark. The company, which is run by two families, now employs 42 people.

Attempt to silence Army fails

Two elderly West Berliners failed yesterday in an effort to win the right to sue over the threat of noise from a British Army machine-gun firing range being built near their homes.

The High Court in London refused to quash certificates issued by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, granting the Ministry of Defence and the British Military Commandant in Berlin immunity from legal action in England.

Gunter Trawnik, aged 64, and Louise Reimelt, aged 69, who live near the range at Gatow airfield, had earlier failed in an attempt to bring a case in the German courts.

Mr Justice Forbes and Mr Justice Kennedy said the Foreign Secretary was entitled to operate in a sphere in which the courts could not intrude.

Mr Justice Forbes said the two Berliners had tried to ventilate their concern in a German court in West Berlin. But that court had no jurisdiction to try any suit involving a member of the Allied Kommandatura in Berlin.

Setback for paper in libel action

The Observer suffered a temporary set-back in the Court of Appeal yesterday in its fight against a libel action brought by the former Royal Australian Naval Commander, Ronald Titcombe, who provided material for the book *The Prime Minister Was A Spy*, which alleged that the former Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt spied for the Chinese for 40 years.

Mr Holt disappeared while swimming off Melbourne in 1967, the book, published in 1983, was written by a journalist, Anthony Grey.

Mr Titcombe, who complains that articles in *The Observer* in November 1983 alleged the story was a hoax, was given leave to appeal yesterday against a judge's order compelling him to provide the newspaper with full details of his research spanning 10 years.

Counsel for *The Observer*, Mr Stephen Nathan, told Lord Justice Kerr the information was vital and the newspaper was entitled to show what case was being made.

Kerry inquiry nears end

Bizarre baby case still a mystery

By Richard Ford

A God-fearing farming family from the west of Ireland and the methods of police investigating a gruesome murder, are again centre-stage in a national drama that has gripped and appalled Irish society.

But, after 85 witnesses, and as the "Kerry babies" tribunal of inquiry enters its final weeks, the main issues remain unresolved, as bizarre and mysterious as they were on the day the tribunal opened 13 weeks ago.

Much else has been exposed in the search to discover how Joanne Hayes confessed to the murder of a baby which forensic tests later proved could not be hers; how members of her family signed confessions implicating themselves in the crime; and whether these were induced by oral and physical abuse in the police station at Tralee, Co Kerry.

Not since the debate on the amendment to the constitution forbidding abortion has Ireland witnessed such a public exploration of female sexuality. Neither has such a picture of old-fashioned Irish rural life been so vividly portrayed.

Although the inquiry set up by the Republic's minister for justice is investigating police conduct, the central figure remains Miss Hayes. Her affair with a married man resulted in three pregnancies, one ending in miscarriage, the second in the birth of a daughter, Yvonne, and the third in disputed circumstances depending on which member of her family is believed. Either Miss Hayes, aged 25, delivered a baby alone as she stood in a field and later hid the body in a pond, or it was born in the family farmhouse at Abbeydorney, Co Kerry, but suffered from a chest ailment. That baby died, and no charges were made.

Two days after she gave birth the body of another baby, stabbed 28 times, was washed up on a beach at Cahirciveen 40 miles away. Miss Hayes was charged with its murder and her mother, two brothers and a sister with concealment. Forensic tests showed the baby was blood group A while Miss Hayes and her lover were blood group O; the same group as the infant later found on the family farm.

On the instructions of the director of public prosecutions the charges were dropped, but police evidence during the inquiry has insisted that the confessions were true and that no pressure was put on them to sign statements. One theory advanced by the police for the discrepancy in blood groups is that Miss Hayes had twins after having sexual intercourse with two men within 48 hours and that the second baby has not been recovered. No evidence has yet been produced to support the theory.

A doctor said that she would have been "grossly distended" if she had been carrying twins and would had difficulty moving around toward the end of her pregnancy. But a detective sergeant offered the inquiry his view that country women do not look pregnant, whereas those in Dublin look hugely pregnant.

The police have also disputed the findings of the state pathologist and the state's forensic science laboratory. A pathologist suggested that the blood grouping of the stabbed baby could be wrong because a piece of tissue became contaminated while in the boot of a car. He challenged the state pathologist's evidence that a knife from the Hayes home could not have caused the stab wounds but later under cross-examination admitted he was only raising possibilities.

Apart from its central aim the inquiry has disclosed much about Irish country attitudes and the anguish of one family.

Religious overtones have frequently arisen as when Miss Hayes's mother was asked by a lawyer, "Suppose you died having committed perjury, you would be condemned for eternity, having committed a mortal sin". She insisted her version of events was true, telling the inquiry: "God, glory to him, knows that, and if I have to go before him this minute, I am telling the truth".

It is precisely who is telling the truth that Mr. Justice Lynch has to determine when, after hearing the last 20 witnesses, the inquiry closes and he begins considering the evidence before him.

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	49	£4,702	£4,973	£7,841
£15	18	£30,105	£58,902	£362,310
	35	£14,858	£20,329	£58,447
	49	£7,203	£7,618	£12,012
£20	18	£40,557	£79,353	£488,112
	35	£20,017	£27,387	£78,741
	49	£9,704	£10,263	£16,182
£25	18	£51,010	£99,806	£613,914
	35	£25,176	£34,446	£99,035
	49	£12,205	£12,908	£20,353
£30 (min. age 23*)	23	£50,114	£90,530	£449,212
	35	£30,335	£41,505	£119,330
	49	£14,706	£15,553	£24,524

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	35	£5,785	£16,830
	49	£1,465	£2,371
£15	18	£29,901	£184,735
	35	£8,863	£25,782
	49	£2,245	£3,632
£20	18	£40,281	£248,879
	35	£11,940	£34,734
	49	£3,024	£4,893
£25	18	£50,666	£313,023
	35	£15,018	£43,686
	49	£3,804	£6,155
£30 (min. age 23*)	23	£45,000	£224,584
	35	£18,095	£52,639
	49	£4,583	£7,416

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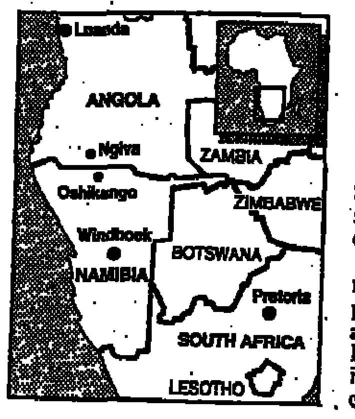
Botha design for Namibia independence will be revealed tomorrow

From Gerald Shaw
Cape Town



South Africa is expected to announce an important initiative tomorrow in the protracted diplomatic struggle over the future of Namibia, which Pretoria has administered on behalf of the world community since the First World War.

It will coincide with the withdrawal of the last South African troops from southern Angola, a gesture, intended by Pretoria to advance the prospects of peace in the region.

South African forces have been engaged in an 18-year guerilla war with Angola-based Swapo insurgents seeking to wrest control of Namibia from South Africa.

President Botha, it is believed, had approved the establishment of an interim administration or transitional government in the territory, which some say would be the first move toward a regional settlement of the Namibia dispute or even, ultimately, a so-called internal solution bypassing the United Nations.

The President will address Parliament here tomorrow and on Friday, and is likely to react to yesterday's speech by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, in Washington.

Mr Botha will no doubt reaffirm his commitment to an internationally sponsored settlement, but diplomats believe that South Africa is actively prusuing ways of bypassing Resolution 435, which provides for UN-supervised elections nd independence.

It is thought that Pretoria is promoting a regional settlement which would be endorsed by the front-line states (Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe). In spite of its acceptance of Resolution 435, South Africa has never relished the prospect of direct UN involvement in the region.

Under the Lusaka Agreement of February 1984, South Africa and Angola set up a joint monitoring commission, supervising the gradual withdrawal of South African troops. A useful working relationship has since developed, enhancing the prospects of a regional settlement. Pretoria is seeking undertakings from Angola to stop harbouring Swapo rebels.

The two countries have been negotiating the withdrawal of the Cuban troops which Angola retains to protect itself against the Pretoria-backed Unita guerrilla movement of Dr Jonas Savimbi – another strand in a situation of extraordinary complexity.

When he speaks in Parliament, President Botha is expected to annouce his acceptance of proposals by the Multi-Party Conference, an alliance of internal political parties, for the establishment of an interim administration in Windhoek, the Namibian capital, followed by elections and independece.

The internal group, in turn, would seek to draw Swapo into a transitional government, but the rebels seem certain to refuse, insisting on a UN-supervised settlement under Resolution 435.

Pretoria's Plan therefore appears doomed and some would say, is merely a device for further stalling, while giving an impression of flexibility and movement for the benefit of the Western five (Britain, the US, France, Canada and West Germany). There are signs of anxiety in Washington that Pretoria, in promoting its regional settlement, might be prepared to modify or even drop its insistence on removal of the Cubans, which is seen as a crucial objective of US policy in the region.

Israel hails extradition of 'Ivan the Terrible'

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv

Israel yesterday expressed satisfaction over a precedent-setting decision by an American court to extradite an alleged Nazi war criminal to Israel for trial.

Mr Moshe Nissim, the Minister of Justice, said the ruling opened the way to bringing to justice many other Nazi criminals now at large in the US.

However, John Demjanuk, 64, the suspect who was known in the Treblinka death camp as "Ivan the Terrible", may appeal to a higher court against the ruling by Judge Frank Battisti in the Federal District Court of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr Dennis Gouldman of the Ministry of Justice in Jerusalem said the judge's ruling upheld Israel's contention that the Jewish State, because of its close association with the victims, was entitled to priority to try Nazis accused of crimes against humanity.

He noted that the judge had reached his decision despite the fact that the accused was not an Israeli citizen, his crimes were not committed in Israel and he was to be tried under a law enacted in 1950, years after the offences were committed.

The only previous case in which the Israeli law for the punishment of Nazis and their collaborators was invoked was in the trial of Adolf Eichman, who was abducted from his hideout in Argentina in 1960

Ordered out: John Demjanuk, ordered to be extradited to 'Israel by a US judge after being accused of running the gas chamber at the Treblinka death camp.

How 'white' couple fell foul of sex laws

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Mrs Brigitte Wakobayashi, who is married to a Japanese salesman, knows bitterly what South Africa's Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act is all about. They were hounded out of the country by officialdom when they decided to marry and set up home in Johannesburg.

Now they live in Windhoek, capital of Namibia, where the Mixed Marriages Act of 1949 and Section 16 of the 1957 Immorality Act, which forbids sexual relations between blacks and whites, have not applied for some time as part of the territory's slow progress towards independence.

Mr F. W. Klerk, Minister of Home Affairs and National Education, announced on Monday that the South Afrian Government has accepted recommendations by an all-party committee of the three separate white, Coloured and Indian houses of Parliament that the laws should be repealed.

It is expected that they will be excised from the statute book before the end of the parliamentary session in June.

The decision leaves a host of race laws in force. People will still be classified according to their hue under the Population Registration Act, and what facilities they may share under the Separate Amenities Act.

One anomoly of the system is that for situations to do with residence, business and some amenities such as hospitals and public transport, Japanese living in South Africa are classified as "other Asians." More often they are referred to as "honorary whites", a term they despise.

Mrs Wakobayashi, a South African of German descent, met her husband-to-be, Toshio, abroad. After arriving in Johannesburg he was refused an extension to his three-month residence permit "because of certain laws which apply in your circumstances and which are being reviewed at present".

Mrs Wakobayashi said yesterday: "We had no doubt what they meant." There was a baby on the way – their daughter, Ichizu, now eight months old – so they packed up and were married in Swakopmund, the tiny Namibian coastal resort.

Toshio is still without permanent residence status, and has only a permit renewable every three months, but his wife accepts that bureaucracy acts slowly. She feels the authorities are being helpful.

But oddly enough it is in Windhoek, a small city, that they have encountered more public hostility than in cosmopolitan Johannesburg.

The Governments decision to turn back the apartheid clock nearly 40 years was broadly welcomed yesterday, though political observers believe that it had been ready to scrap the two laws last year, during the final session of the all-white Parliament but deliberately delayed so that Coloured and Indian MPs could justify their participation in the new tricameral system.

It is a view echoed by the United Democratic Front, the country's largest extra-parliamentary anti-apartheid organisation.

Mr Patrick Lekota, UDF publicity secretary, said in Johannesburg that repeal of the laws was an attempt to portray the new Parliament as a force for change and to justify Coloured and Indian participation, despite the low polls in their elections.

Doctors try drugs to give Neves strength

São Paulo – Doctors are administering medicines to lower the temperature of Brazil's ailing President-elect Tancredo Neves, unconscious since his seventh operation last Thursday.

Their aim is to slow the advance of bacteria, conserve his energy and gain time for a hoped-for miracle recuperation (Patrick Knight writes). But is is officially admitted that his condition remains "virtually irreversible."

High stakes

Singapore (Reuter) – Singapore Airlines is to equip its long-haul Boeing 747 flights with computer games, including chess and poker. The jackpot machines the airline introduced in 1981 were abandoned because of technical difficulties.

Bird massacre

Geneva (Reuter) – Environmentalists from 25 countries, members of the Franz Weber foundation, opened a mock trial of Italian bird catchers whom they accuse of massacring up to 300 million songbirds every year.

Summit miss

Jakarta (Reuter) – Vietnam will not attend a meeting in Bandung next week marking the thirtieth anniversary of the conference that helped to create the Non-Aligned Movement, Indonesia's Foreign Minister said.

Flights resume

Warsaw (Reuter) – Poland and the United States signed a three-year air transport agreement to restore flights between Warsaw and New York suspended in retaliation for the suppression of Solidarity in 1981.

Incentive to go

The Hague (Reuter) – The Netherlands is planning a trial scheme to help jobless "guest-workers" return to their home countries and still receive social security payments, a Social Affairs Ministry spokesman said.

Bugged envoys

Stockholm – A Swedish Foreign Ministry official said in a newspaper interview there was concrete evidence that a number of its embassies in Eastern bloc countries had been bugged.

Deadly game

Como (AP) – The day after watching a television film showing prisoners of war being forced to play Russian Roulette, Andrea Scanzi, aged 14, was found shot dead at home with his father's pistol by his side.

Agca has TB

Rome (AP) – Mehmet Ali Agca, serving a life sentence for shooting the Pope in 1981, is undergoing treatment for tuberculosis at his Rome prison, his lawyers said.

Glemp reports

Rome – Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish Primate, was received by the Pope to report on the worsening of relations between the Church in Poland and the authorities.

India names diplomats in spy case hearing

Delhi (NYT) – Nineteen Indian nationals, most of them junior government officials, were formally charged with espionage on Monday, marking the end of a five-month investigation into a spying case that reached into the Prime Minister's office.

As they were accused in a Delhi court, a press report said six foreign diplomats, two each from France, Poland and East Germany, had been identified as the buyers of military and commercial secrets from them.

The Press Trust of India named three of the diplomats and said they had been expelled immediately after the discovery of the spy ring.

Two of the diplomats named by the Press Trust were Colonel Alain Bolley, the former French deputy defence attaché, and Mr Jan Haberka, a former Polish commercial attaché. The third was Herr Otto Wicker of East Germany, whose name does not appear in a list of diplomats published by the Indian Government.

The 19 Indians have been charged with spying, conspiracy, wrongful communication and other violations of the Officaial Secrets Act.

Harare expels Pretoria exiles for subversion

Harare – Two South African political exiles, members of a Trotskyite labour movement, are to be deported to London today by Zimbabwe for alleged subversive activities (Jan Raath writes).

Mr Emmerson Munangagwa, the Minister of State for Security, announced yesterday that Mr David Hemson, a British passport holder, and Mr Darcy Dut Toit, who has British travel documents, were "undesirable".

They were arrested on March 1 and have been held in the maximum security section of Chikurubi prison

Mr Munangagwa said the two, both born in South Africa, had tried to set up an organization of disaffected Zimbabwean trade unionists

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Large weapons cache found in Basque garage

Paris – Three and a half tons of arms and explosives, the largest cache found in the French Basque country, has been discovered by police in a garage belonging to a known sympathiser of ETA, the Spanish Basque separatist organization, who committed suicide on Monday (Diana Geddes writes).

The cache, hidden beneath the concrete floor of a garage in the village of Saint Pée sur Nivelle in the Pyrénées Atlantiques, included explosives similar to the type used by ETA in its terrorist attacks in Spain, 60 anti-tank rockets and nearly 200,000 9mm cartridges.

M Michel Lafitte, aged 43, an engineer left a note giving instructions where to find the cache before shooting himself. He was said to be depressed after his wife left him

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Civil war in southern Lebanon

Refugee city under sign of the skull and crossbones

From Robert Fisk, Sidon

A four-mile long canopy of murky smoke spreads westwards from Sidon and hangs far out over the Mediterranean. It is a dull, unimpressive grey, as if the civil war in the biblical city had become a routine affair which, in one way, it has.

Even the Christian militia shells bury themselves in the suburban estates to the east in a muffled rumble, harmless until you are forced to the side of the empty roads, by the ambulances.

There is one little junction where someone has drawn a one-foot square poster with a skull and crossbones. You drive very fast there, especially when you hear the snapping sound from up the hill in Abra.

Even the Muslim gunmen avoid the sniper's corner where a lonely Lebanese flag drifts in the heat haze above an abandoned army sentry post.

Yes, says the girl administrator in the Hammoud Hospital, there have been six more wounded in the past 24 hours. Her name is Leila and she opens a notebook with the names of the dead and wounded written out in Biro in a clear Arabic hand. There were seven dead on Monday and 26 wounded. There were 81 dead in all Sidon in the past three weeks, including three unidentified bodies in the mortuary.

"No-one will claim them," Leila says. "We have heard many things about what happened to them. Do you want to see them?" She leads the way across a sunlit courtyard and through a series of rusting iron doors to a small mortuary with two blood-covered stretchers on the floor. The three dead men lie sprawled in a corner on the dirty floor. All have been shot in the back of the head at close range.

Leila does not say that they are suspected collaborators, murdered by the militias – but that is what most people believe.

The militants are everywhere. There are gunmen strolling past the closed ships in Riad Solh street, long-haired young men, some with green Shia Muslim headbands, others belonging to the pro-Arafat Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

They sit smoking on the steps of shuttered buildings or sharing their food with Lebanese Government troops. The soldiers and the militants are fighting together against the pro-Israeli Phalangists on the low hills above Sidon.

Many of the Palestinians from the large Ein Helwe camp in Sidon have fled into the city centre after the fierce Christian shelling of their homes. They are squatting now in old apartments, unfinished buildings and the ruins of Israel's 1982 air raids.

Children play on the pavements, mothers make tea on the steps. The smell of fried chicken comes from broken doorways. Sidon is becoming a refugee city.

It is not yet a ghost town although Nazih Bizri the Parliamentary Deputy for Sidon, warns each day that it could become one. According to the bespectacled Muslim politician, once Lebanon's minister of Health, the Phalangists are deliberately shelling Sidon on Israel's orders, creating a 'second front' north of Israeli lines on the Litani that will suck up the energies of anti-Israeli guerrillas.

More ominously, he claims that the Phalangists, using Israeli shells, will ultimately provoke a Muslim backlash that will force the Christians in the hills to retreat into Israe's new "security zone", along it border with Lebanon. This, says Mr Bizri, is what's Israel wants.

The Phalangist radio, loyal now to the mutinous Samir Geagea tells a different story, of Palestinian attacks on the hilltop Christian village of Mieh Mieh, of government troops fighting on behalf of the Sukni Muslim cause in Sidon. It is the old, familiar Lebanese tale of foreigners blamed for manipulating Lebanon's brutal factions to their own advantage.

Beleaguered Nicaragua imposes huge price rises

From Alan Tomlinson
Managua

There have been sudden and astronomical rises in the cost of petrol and of international telephone calls, the latest in a series of severe measures reflecting the seriousness of Nicaragua's economic situation.

Since the removal of state subsidies, petrol has gone up a staggering 150 per cent, to the equivalent of more than £3.15 a gallon, while overseas telephone charges have rocketed way beyond the means of most Nicaraguans: it costs the equivalent of nearly £156 a minute, for instance, to call the US.

Though most Nicaraguans possess neither car nor telephone, the increases will affect the entire population. The cost of public transport has also risen, pushing up the price of many consumer goods, and the already struggling private sector will inevitably pass on increased overheads.

For those who do have a car, running costs were already high, since spare parts are scarce and usually must be imported personally or bought on the black market at inflated prices.

People will now find it prohibitive to keep in touch with relatives overseas, while air travel was recently placed beyond most pockets when airlines stopped accepting the national currency for tickets.

Competition to buy dollars illegally has pushed the black market rate over 500 cordovas. The offical exchange is 28 to the dollar.

There are just the latest in a series of recent severe economic shocks. Food prices doubled in February when subsidies were withdrawn, and a half-hearted crackdown on the black market has failed to control the soaring cost of anything that can be loosely described as a luxury.

Wage rises, on the other hand, have lagged far behind inflation, forcing many to find second jobs, usually peddling some item or other on the streets.

The Trade Minister, Señor Ramon Cabrales, says illegal trading is beyond the means of his small staff, and has appealed to the people, through their unions and other organizations, to take up the campaign. "Once people make up their minds, the problem will be over in a moment," he said.

The spiralling cost of living is also encouraging widespread petty corruption, and a government commission is seeking ways to stamp it out. "It is not an easy struggle. We will have to use a hard hand," said Vice-president Sergio Ramirez.

● WASHINGTON: Two of the Contadora countries – first Mexico, and now Colombia – have come out firmly against funding Nicaraguan guerrillas, as President Reagan has been doing. Officials of the others Panama and Venezuela have expressed similar sentiments. President Belisario Betancur of Colombia said: "I have not spoken with any Latin American leader who feels differently" (Christopher Thomas writes).

The US Senate is to vote on Tuesday on Mr Reagan's request for $14 million (about £11 million) for the 15,000 Contras. A House vote will be arranged soon afterwards.

President Betancur, in an interview published yesterday, said the request made Mr Reagan's recent initiative on Nicaragua "no longer a peace proposal, but a preparation for war."

The greatest propaganda coup so far for Mr Reagan's Administration is the open support given for the aid of President Luis Monge of Costa Rica, a staunch ideological ally of the West.

President Reagan meanwhile appealed to Congressional and religious leaders in the White House yesterday to help salvage his funding of the four-year guerrilla campaign. All the signs are, however, that Congress will turn him down.

Greatest show: President Reagan, setting aside his congressional campaign for funds to aid Nicaragua guerrillas, joins children watching a trapeze act at Ringling Bros Barnum and Bailey Circus in Washington.

Caught in the crossfire

Muhammad Mahmoud Bourro, aged 16, the Lebanese Shia Muslim who claims he was forced by the Amal militia to agree to drive a car bomb into an Israeli convoy to get his father out of trouble (Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv).

The youth, who was captured by the Israelis said he had no connection with the fundamentalist organization and was not religious but had been persuaded by Amal officers to volunteer to get police charges dropped and financial claims waived against his father for injuring the daughter of a prominent Amal leader in a road accident.

Eight die in village massacre

From Our Own Correspondent
Beirut

Details are emerging in Beirut of a massacre of civilians in the village of Yohmor in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon, in which at least eight people have been shot dead.

Yohmor is a Shia Muslim village dominated by the Lebanese Communist Party, which yesterday blame pro-Israeli gunmen for the killings.

Israeli television has suggested that the murders were the result of a feud between the Syrian National Socialist Party and the Shia Muslim Amal movement.

A statement read by a villager at the Communist Party offices in Beirut yesterday said that up to 30 masked gunmen arrived in Yohmor on Friday night

The villager said the gunmen killed a middle-aged couple and their three children after robbing them of 70,000 Lebanese pounds (about £3,500) in cash and jewellery, and took away three men whose bodies were found later with their faces cut

Sudan junta opens talks with rebels from south

Khartoum (Reuter) – Representatives from southern Sudan, which has been in open revolt against the authorities in Khartoum, opened talks with Sudan's military junta yesterday on representation in a proposed civilian government.

Mr Samuel Abu Bol, former vice-president of the dissolved High Executive Council in the south, said various groups had formed an alliance for the talks.

Mr Bol, aged 56, a former police officer, said the talks had made some progress, but that "a lack of confidence is impeding further progress".

Sudan's military rulers, who overthrew President Gafaar Nimeir 11 days ago, have also had talks with northern politicians and professional groups to try to form a civilian cabinet.

Meanwhile General Abdul-Rahman Swar al-Dahab, Sudan's military lease, expressing his desire for closer ties with the Soviet Union, Libya and Ethiopia, said he had sent messages to them saying he wanted relations to be far better than under his predecessor.

Mr Nimeiry, an ally of the United States, had accused all three of fomenting unrest in Sudan and supporting rebels in the south.

General Swar al-Dahab also said he was sending a ranking member of the ruling 15-man military council yesterday to Egypt where General Nimeiry is in exile.

Spain plans tax and pension cuts

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Spain's Minister of Economics and Commerce, Señor Migual Boyer, yesterday announced a plan to lower income taxes and stimulate domestic consumption and employment.

The plan revealed by Señor Boyer to the finance committee, of Spain's powerful lower house, the Chamber of Deputies, represents a departure from the Government's previous firmness in holding the line against inflation and deficit spending.

The change of course came after a meeting here on Monday with the executive committee of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), the Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, the other ministers who deal with the economy.

Pressure from the party, as well as the failure of Spain's depressed economy to react significatnly after more than two years of socialist administration, are believed to have influenced the decision.

The promise of a tax-cut next year is expected to soften the blow among the electorate of an impending cut in state pensions.

The Cabinet is expected to decide today whether they will be slashed by 8 per cent, a figure which some ministers consider politicially acceptable, or by 16 per cent.

Time slips away for concordat

From Peter Nichols
Rome

Italy's Chamber of Deputies is due today to try for a sixth time to vote on one of the most important provisions concerning the new concordat with the Vatican. The five previous attempts failed because there was no quorum.

Many of the absent MPs are said to be in their constituencies, protecting their interests during the compilation of electoral lists for the forthcoming regional and local government elections.

Their behaviour is seriously threatening the Government's legislative programme. Parliament has just over three weeks working time in which to approve legislation between now and the autumn.

On April 24 parliamentary business halts for the election campaign. The return to work will last only 10 jdays before another campaign is due: The referendum called by communists to replace four points deducted by law from the wages indexation system.

On June 24, the joint session of the two houses is due to begin its task of choosing a new president for Italy. It is expected that the presidential election will last at least two weeks.

It is customary that the Government in office formally offers its resignation to the new President.

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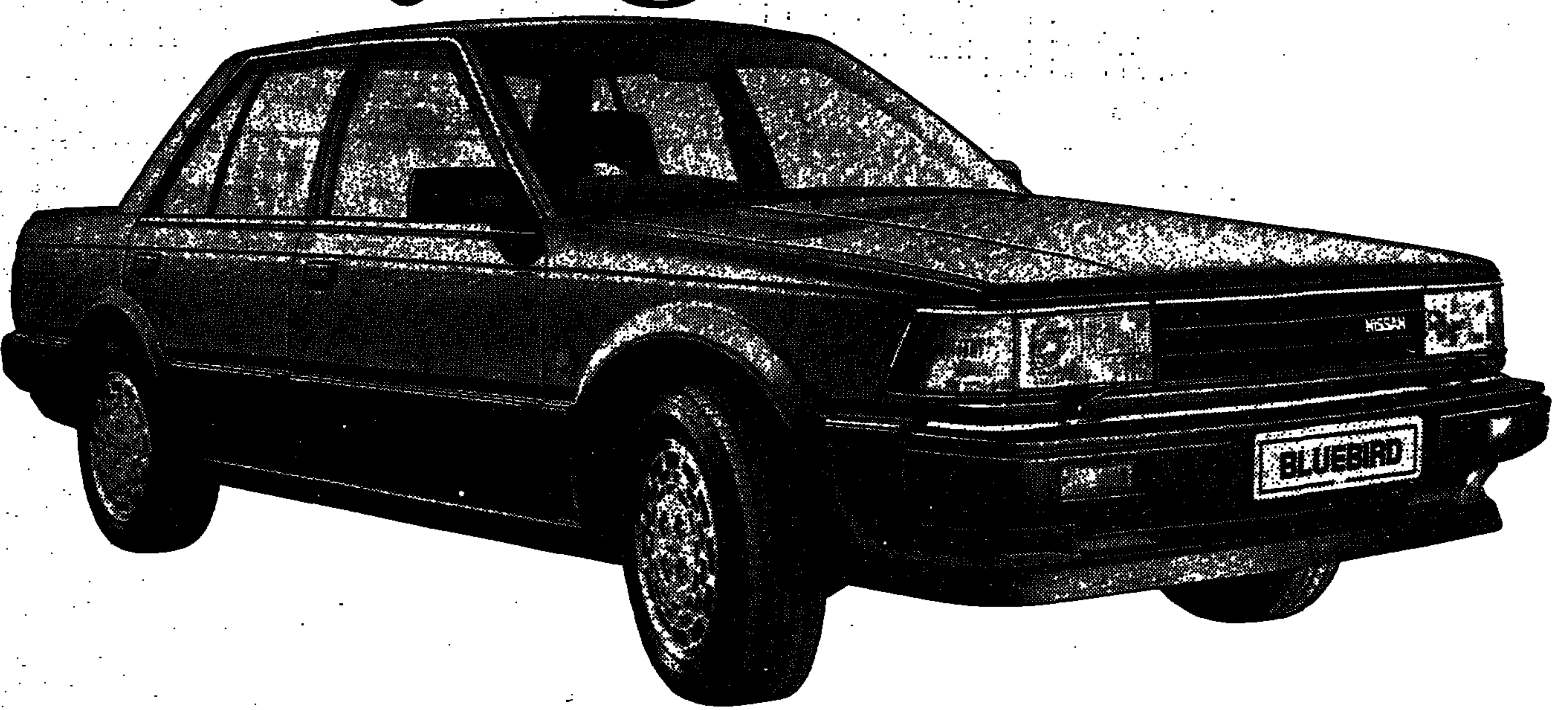

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Mujahidin maul Russian troops near Kabul as new campaign starts

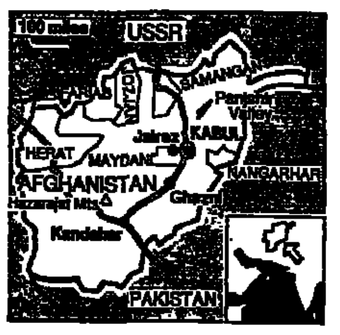
From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

The first important engagements of the new campaigning season in Afghanistan were reported by Western diplomats here yesterday. New weapons on both sides were said to have taken a heavy toll and in at least one battle, Soviet troops were said to have been badly mauled by Afghan guerrillas.

The biggest encounter was in the Maydan valley 30 miles west of Kabul where the land rises steeply and leads to the Hazarajat mountains, dominated by Shia guerrillas supported by Iran. The valley also stands over the road leading from Kabul to Ghazni in the south-west.

Witnesses in Kabul reported large Soviet convoys leaving staging areas a week ago in the Khairkhana and airport districts and heading down the Ghazni road. They included armoured troop carriers, tanks and four self-propelled 152mm howitzers. One witness with military experience said he saw six heavy transporters carrying Frog-7 missiles.

A Western embassy commented that this was the first time it could remember Frog missiles being deployed against the Mujahidin. They are surface-to-surface weapons with a range of about 40 miles, but have earned a poor reputation in the various Middle East conflicts in which they have been used in the past.



Diplomats said "massive numbers" of helicopters were in action last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The operation appeared to wind down on Saturday. The helicopters included the big M124s, Hind gunships, and M18 light transports which have been fitted with rocket rails for close support of ground troops.

Reports suggested the Mujahidin had found out about the slowly developing operation well in advance and had retired to key firing positions. They had also mined the road through the valley which travellers said was closed from Wednesday until Saturday.

The helicopter attacks came in the first wave, with the town of Maydanshahr allegedly included in the bombardment, even though it was by this time occupied mainly by women and children. The Mujahidin, who had already withdrawn around the town of Jalrez, returned the next day when Soviet troops advanced into the valley, and ambushed them.

The rebels appeared to have been re-equipped with more up-to-date weaponry and were able to inflict many casualties. The Soviet column was reportedly forced to withdraw, but casualties on the Mujahidin side were also said to be heavy.

Other Soviet activity was reported in Nuristan province and the Panjshir valley, where a significant operation took place around Kandahar last year. A huge house-to-house search has been under way in each of the six districts of the city.

The official Afghan news media also reported a number of engagements, declaring that Mujahidin forces were crushed in Fariab, Jozjan, Herat and Nangarhar provinces. "Bandits" were said to have been eliminated in the Khulm district of Samangan province, with large quantities of arms seized and a local leader, Ustad Hakim, arrested.

Talking trade: Mr Tebbit and Mr Nakasone during their discussions yesterday.

Tebbit presses Japanese to buy British aircraft

From David Watts
Tokyo

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, called on Japan to consider buying British military and civil aircraft when he called on the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, yesterday.

Mr Nakasone said the Defence Agency would consider buying the multi-role Tornado, built by Britain, West Germany and Italy, and the Harrier. Private firms would consider the British Aerospace 146 four-engined commuter airliner and the Airbus 320, which is to be powered by the V2500 engine to be produced by a consortium including Rolls-Royce and Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries.

One Japanese regional airline is interested in the 146 but so far has been unable to buy it.

Mr Tebbit's message to the Prime Minister and a series of officials he met yesterday was that the EEC and Japan had the most to lose in a protectionist trade war, while the United States might just benefit.

"The atmosphere was not hostile or confrontational," said a British official. "His message was: 'We've all got a problem'. Mr Tebbit pointed out the need for the Japanese Government to take a lead and show an example in the purchase of defence and aerospace equipment."

Mr Nakasone told Mr Tebbit Japan welcomed British participation in the telecommunications market, which was liberalized on April 1. Mr Tebbit in turn called on the Japanese to make their financial market as open as the City of London.

Banda gets a royal welcome back to UK

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Life President Hastings Banda of Malawi arrived in bright spring sunshine for a four-day state visit to Britain yesterday, armed with a walking stick and a fly-swatter.

It was a very different welcome from that which he might have expected during his former manifestation as a general practitioner in Willesden before returning to guide his native Nyasaland to independence.

This time, Princess Anne and her husband, Captain Mark Phillips, were at Heathrow to greet him, while his arrival at Windsor Castle was by horse drawn carriage beside the Queen.

Despite the glitter and the Grenadier Guards, his return was not unmarred. The Air Malawi Boeing 747 from Amsterdam was an hour late because of air traffic control problems in The Netherlands. Dr Banda's descent from it was held up for five more minutes when the rusted aircraft steps got jammed.

One victim of the delay was Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who had to abandon plans to meet the President at Windsor

But she will see him for lunch and talks on southern Africa at Downing Street today. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, were among the welcoming party.

Dr Banda who is aged, it is thought, 87 – he is not sure himself – had to be helped up and down stairs by Princess Anne and Captain Phillips. But Malawi watchers say he remains mentally alert and is not beyond spending eight hours on the dais during National Day celebrations – and joining in the dances.

Anglo-Malawi relations are officially trouble-free after his decision last year to commute the death sentences passed on the Opposition leader, Mr Orton Chirwa, and his wife, to life imprisonment.

He attended a state banquet at Windsor last night after visiting the Queen Mother at Royal Lodge. Today, he will place a wreath on the tomb of the unknown warrior and be entertained by the City at Guildhall.

The state visit ends on Friday but Dr Banda will stay until next month in a private capacity.

Deputy head of Unesco leaves post

Paris (Reuter) – A deputy director general of Unesco, Mr Gerard Bolla, yesterday left his post after an apparent conflict with the Director General, Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, diplomatic sources said.

It was not immediately clear whether he had resigned or whether his contract as one of two deputy directors general had not been renewed.

Mr Bolla, who is Swiss, was appointed last year on a temporary basis and is past the Unesco retirement age of 60.

Sources say the move may partly be explained by cuts made by Mr M'Bow's office in a report by Mr Bolla on controversial administrative reforms

The Peruvian general election

Burden of victory may prove crippling

By Colin Harding

The triumph of the social domestic APRA party, the strong showing of the United Left (IU) coalition and the virtual annihilation of the ruling Popual Action (AP) party in Sunday's elections are a measure of the profound changes which have taken place in Peruvian society and politics in the past decade.

The lefward shift of the electorate reflects the frustration caused by Peru's worst and most prolonged economic crisis, and widespread disillusion with the orthodox remedies attempted by President Fernando Belanunde Terry's Government. A great weight of expectations will fall on the shoulder of whoever takes office on July 28.

Barring accidents, or a bombshell from the National Election Board, which is expected to take several weeks to produce the full official results, that is almost certain to be Señor Alan García Pérez of APRA. Everything points to a comfortable victory for him in a run-off against Dr Alfonso Barrantes Lingan of IU in mid-June.

Much of the credit for that must go to the presidential candidate, who has masterminded its conversion into a modern, centre-left party since the death a few years ago of its founder, the populist demagogue, Victor Raúl Haya de la Torre.

Señor García has identified a broad centre ground in Peruvian politics, attracting to him many of the professional and business sections which helped to give Señor Belaunde a landslide victory in 1980. APRA will have a majority in both Houses of Congress, putting it in a considerable stronger postition than AP enjoyed five years ago.

Señor Belaunde can at least look forward to the consolation of being the first President of Peru for 10 years to transfer power to his elected successor – provided, that is, that the military keep their promise to respect the results. The Army's antipathy for APRA, which led it to intervene on several occasions when Señor Haya de la Torre appeared to be in the brink of electoral success, appears to be a thing of the past.

A coalition of Marxists parties has come from nowhere to take its place as the main parliamentary opposition in fewer than 10 years.

The new President is in for a hard time. APRA's election platform was ressuringly vague, promising industrial regeneration.

But dealing with uncontrollable inflation, a contracting economy, a $13.5 billion (about £10 billion) foreign debt, a hugh public sector deficit and unemployment affecting a majority of the economically active population, will require unprecedented flair and imagination.

Iran warns of chemical consequence

Geneva – Iran is no longer prepared to accept the consequences of Iraq's use of chemical weapons, the Iranian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Akhbar Velayati, said yesterday at the 40-nation United Nations Disarmament Conference (Alan McGregor writes).

Calling for unequivocal condemnation of Iraq by the Security Council, he said the council was certainly aware "of the grave consequences that a chemical retaliation may bring about for the human community and for the credibility of the council and the whole United Nations if quick measures are not taken to stop it"

Kenya flood brings joy for farmers

Nairobi – The heaviest rains for four years have cut road communications in some parts of Kenya, isolating the town of Moyale on the Ethiopian border and flooding low-lying villages around Lake Victoria in Western Kenya (Charles Harrison writes).

Lorries, buses and cars heading for Moyale have been stranded 50 miles south of the town because bridges have been washed away and seasonal streams have been turned into raging torrents.

The arrival of the rains is being welcomed here because it holds out the prospect of good crops after several years of poor harvest. Last year Kenya had its driest year in memory.

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Londoners can only trust that their own interests will not be sacrificed to those of the juggernaut. What of the Transport Ministry's record to date? Proposals to build massive dual carriageways on trunk roads in the capital, causing wholesale property demolition, and the reversal of successful GLC policies encouraging people to go to work by bus or train.

In addition to more trunk roads, some 300 miles of main roads including shopping and residential thoroughfares will be 'designated' under the Bill, with the Government taking overriding powers on matters of traffic management. The role of elected GLC councillors, whom the public can approach, will be taken over by Whitehall bureaucrats.

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Banda gets a royal welcome back to UK

Barre's refusal to serve with the left threatens fragile opposition accord

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Less than a week after the proud announcement by France's two main opposition parties that they had agreed to "govern together and only together" in the event of a right-wing election victory, that fragile unity has again been broken by M Raymond Barre's declaration that he would not support a right-wing government which agreed to "cohabit" with a socialist president.

In a radio interview, M Barre took a step further his well-known opposition to political "cohabitation" between left and right by saying he would not support a vote of confidence in a "government of cohabitation". He was not bound personally by the new accord on government signed by the Gaullist RPR and centre-right UDF parties, he insisted.

Though he has always refused to be identified as leader of any political party, M Barre has substantial followings both among UDF deputies, with whom he sits in the National Assembly, and, less publicly, among certain RPR deputies. He is consistently the most popular opposition "leader" in opinion polls.

His comments on Sunday, therefore, cannot easily be discounted and have severely embarrassed the official leaders of the RPR and UDF.

They do not relish the idea of sharing power with President Mitterrand, but have taken the view that the electorate would prefer to vote for a party or alliance which, if successful, would be willing to form a government rather than to force a constitutional crisis.

Under the constitution of the Fifth Republic, the president is elected for a seven-year term, and M Mitterrand would not normally come up for re-election until 1988.

M Barre, whose personal ambitions would clearly best be served by an early presidential election, believes that he could be forced to resign if the opposition refused to form a government after winning a substantial majority in the spring parliamentary elections.

But there is nothing in the constitution to force the president to resign, and M Mitterrand has so far given every indication that he intends to stay on until the end of his seven-year term, whatever the outcome of elections. He has not yet given up hope of splitting the opposition and forming a centre-left coalition – perhaps under the present Prime Minister, M Laurent Fabius, whose social-democratic policies continue to win increasing popularity in opinion polls; or a moderate opposition leader, such as M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, RPR mayor of Bordeaux and former Gaullist prime minister, who has said he is willing to serve as prime minister in a future "government of cohabitation".

Contrary to all expectations, M Chaban-Delmas on Monday was elected president of the regional council of Aquitaine, after the "defection" of two left-wing councillors. There had earlier been a hung vote, and under the rules of seniority the presidency was expected to go to a socialist.

Despite the new accord between the two main opposition parties, they are likely to present separate lists in most departments at the next general election; M Barre came out on Sunday firmly in favour of a plurality of lists, which he believes would be more likely to attract votes across the political spectrum than a single united list.

J Chirac has also said that separate lists may be preferable in certain departments, though it is unlikely that he would go so far as to want to see a "plurality" of lists.

The RPR parliamentary group decided yesteray to present a motion calling for a referendum on the Government's plans to introduce proportional representation for parliamentary elections.

It also intends to submit, jointly with the UDF, a motion of censure against the whole of the Government's policies.

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Tour break: Mr Hu, taking a break from talks, is shown a boomerang in Canberra by Mr Charles Perkins (left), Secretary of Australia's Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Hu seeks model ties with Canberra

Canberra (AP) – China and Australia yesterday agreed to explore a wide range of economic ventures that will provide a model for China's policy of increasing commercial and cultural contact with the West.

A joint communiqué issued after discussions between Mr Hu Yaobang, secretary general of Chinese Communist Party, and the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, said prospects for cooperation in iron and steel projects were very good.

The comment led to speculation that agreement an a joint venture with the Australian mining company Hamersley Iron is close for development of a huge iron ore deposit in Western Australia.

Mr Hu visited the mine on Sunday and told Mr Hawke: "Let's mine it together."

Earlier Mr Hu told the National Press Club that China's "open door" policy was permanent. If there were any change, it would be to open the door even wider.

Hawke call to spurn 'shameful' cricket tour

Canberra (Reuter) – Mr Bob Hawke the Australian Prime Minister yesterday appealed to his country's cricketers not to take part in any tour of South Africa.

Mr Hawke told Parliament it would be shameful if there were any truth in reports that a team of rebel Australian cricketers were planning such a tour.

No cricketer has yet come forward to publicly confirm plans for a tour, although the Australian Cricket Board has said the matter will be discussed at a meeting today.

"I ask them to think about the plight of blacks in South Africa and I ask them to think about the reputation of themselves and their country and to reject any offers they may have received," Mr Hawke said.

The Australian Cricket Board this week drew up players' declarations of availability to play for their country in the strongest indication yet of rebel plans for a tour. Cricket sources said if a player signed the declaration and then played in South Africa he could be fined or banned from playing for Australia for an indefinite period.

Fifteen Australian players, including eight of the team for England, are believed to have been approached to tour South Africa.

Australia have not played in a test series in South since Bill Lawry's side was beaten 4-0 in 1969-70.

Prima facie case against judge in Australia

**From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne**

There was a prima facie case that Mr Justice Lionel Murphy of the High Court had attempted to pervert the course of justice, a Sydney magistrate found yesterday.

The magistrate, Mr Arthur Riedel, adjourned the matter in Castlereagh Street Court until June 11 and 12, when Mr Alex Shand, QC, will be available to defend the former Senator and Attorney General

Mr Riedel said: "I am of the opinion that the evidence is capable of satisfying a jury properly instructed beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant had committed the two indictable offences

It is alleged that Mr Justice Murphy tried to influence the outcome of court proceedings in 1982 and 1983 against the Sydney solicitor Mr Morgan Ryan, an old friend, who was charged with conspiracy.

The Director of Public Prosecutions alleged that he tried to influence Mr Clarrie Briese, the Chief Magistrate of New South Wales, to use his influence on another magistrate hearing the committal case

The Crown also alleged that he later tried to influence the judge presiding over Mr Ryan's trial.

The Murphy case is the first time in Australian history that a High Court judge has been charged with a criminal offence.

Evolution rather than revolution

Sleeping four in a sooty single room

*Tomorrow Zimbabwe celebrates the fifth anniversary of independence. In the last of a three-part series on the changes wrought since the end of white rule, **Jan Raath** looks at the life of a young worker in Harare.*

Mid-morning one recent Sunday they came to his door, as they usually do. Four members of the Youth Wing, they told him to be at the meeting, Zanu (PF)'s regular local weekly session.

Mr Chris Belo did what he has done for the past four or five years. Without opening the door, he enthusiastically asked when it was to be held, and where. He promised to be there.

"They didn't see me, so they won't miss me when I don't come," he said. Once or twice they have caught him, and he has gone to the meetings. "My body was there. They couldn't take my heart as well," he said.

Mr Belo aged 31 and one of the two million Zimbabweans who live in the country's urban areas and for whom life has not substantially altered in the past five years.

He is a totally urban creature, with no family ties to the rural areas. The flood of urbanization that began with the onset of the liberation war has made such a status, once unheard of, common now.

Mr Belo's home for the present is a soot-stained back room of a relative's house next to a thronged shopping centre in Highfield, Harare's biggest township.

He, his wife, Catherine, and boys Stephen, aged four, and Hilton, aged six, rotate where they sleep. Sometimes the parents have the three-quarter bed, while the boys have the floor. Sometimes the small wooden table and the bench are pushed against the cupboard more easily to accommodate the parents on the square yard of floor space.

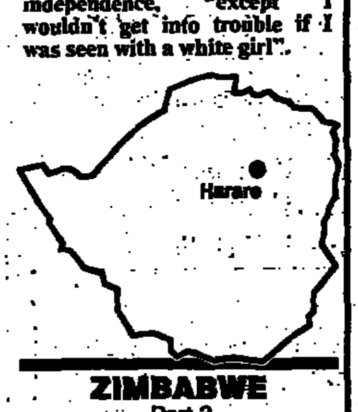
His name has been down on a municipal housing list for seven years. Each February he is advised to apply again. Despite a rapid sprawl of new low-cost housing units on the wooded hills to the west of Harare, officials expect that the demand will continue to outstrip the supply.

Nothing in Zimbabwe compares with the squalor of Soweto, Lagos, Cairo or Nairobi. Population density in Harare goes up to 100 people a hectare, compared with 260 in Nairobi.

Mr Belo may have to queue for buses and pirate taxis to get to work but the queues are longer in Nairobi, where there is one bus to 2,500 people, compared with Harare's one to 1,500.

Every home in urban Zimbabwe has drinkable water, with electricity available in all but the oldest homes. If anything, Harare's townships are better looking now, following increased attention by the city council since independence.

Mr Belo proposes not to vote for Mr Mugabe in the next elections, scheduled for June, although he did in 1980. He has got nothing, he said, since independence, "except I wouldn't get into trouble if I was seen with a white girl".



ZIMBABWE
Part 3

He works as a machinist in a small textile business, one of 45 garment makers. He is also chairman of the workers' committee. When problems arise he and his boss, an Asian named Ali, sit down and sort things out.

One of the Government's popular steps in the first year of independence was to promulgate minimum wage legislation. It was greeted with distress by management, and with delight by the workers.

There have been several revisions of the minimum wage since then, and Zimbabwe is regarded as having one of the most expensive labour forces in the Third World, but all the increases have neen negated by inflation.

Mr Belo earns 158 Zimbabwe dollars (£86) a month, comfortably above the minimum, but still finds it difficult to manage.

As he sees things now, Hilton and Stephen will have to leave school early to fend for themselves. "It was easy for me, I found a job quickly," he said. "For them, it will be hard. The jobs are very few now. It will not get better."

Concluded

Eleven killed as blazing Thai aircraft crashes

Bangkok (Reuter, AP) – All 11 people on board a Thai Airways Boeing 737 were killed when it crashed and exploded in flames near the southern holiday resort of Phuket, an airline official said yesterday.

Only four passengers, two men and two women, were on the plane. Their nationalities were not immediatly known. The other fatalities were all crew-members.

Police said yesterday eight bodies had been recovered, but all were charred beyond recognition.

The aircraft was 40 miles from Phuket airport when it lost contact with ground control on Monday night.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known. A police spokesman at Phang-Nga, near Phuket, said witnesses saw the plane on fire before it crashed.

Muslim families flee to Greece from Bulgaria

**From Mario Modiano
Athens**

Greece was considering yesterday a plea for political asylum by three families of Muslim farmers who fled across the border from Bulgaria north of Xanthi on Saturday.

The 12 refugees, aged between 18 and 56, are from a village across the mountainous border. They said life had been made intolerable by pressure from the Bulgarian authorities to force them to adopt Bulgarian names.

The refugees, who are detained pending a decision at Ekhinos, a frontier township, described themselves as *Pomaks* members of Islamitized indigenous Thracian tribes.

Turkey has said it is willintg to accept the mass repatriation from Bulgaria of all Turks, but Sofia has rejected the offer.

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THE ARTS

Sheridan Morley meets **Roger Rees**, who last night opened as Hamlet at the Barbican

A sense of duty that goes beyond fashion

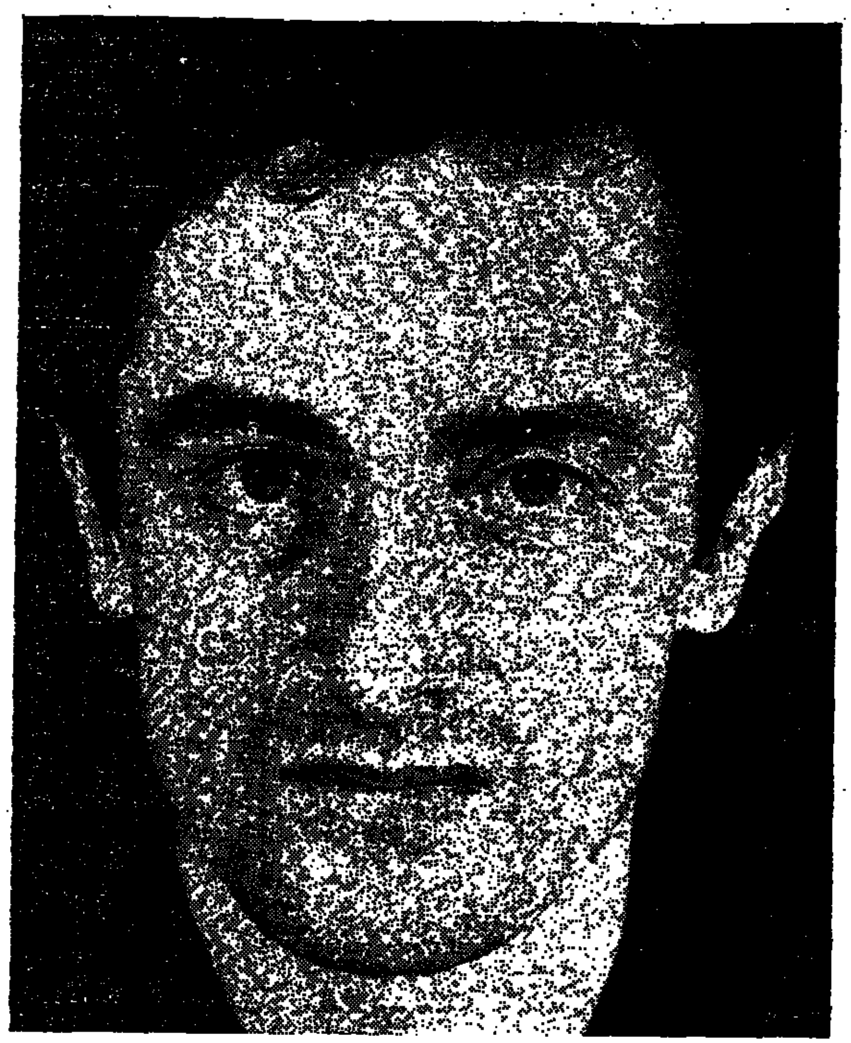
"I'm not interested in doing a *Hamlet* to shock people. When we opened at Stratford last summer some people wrote in asking why I wasn't more like Nicholas Nickleby in the role. Others asked about the incestuous relationship with Gertrude. Who ever told David Garrick about that? The whole idea belongs to 1920s psychology. An actor playing Hamlet has a duty that goes beyond fashion. Some people have never seen this play: at Stratford they used to shout out 'Don't drink' when Gertrude took the poisoned chalice. Every night it's a new play to somebody in the audience, and it's organic: it changes and grows as you play it.

"You can investigate yourself with the text: when I took it on, I knew that counting Stratford and Newcastle and the Barbican I'd be playing Hamlet a hundred and forty times. That's more than most actors this century apart from Gielgud and Maurice Evans, who did it all through the war. So you pace yourself, and now I'm maybe only about halfway. If people said I was slow off the mark when we opened at Stratford nine months ago, well that's fine by me. This play is a romantic adventure, and I'm still enjoying it."

Thus Roger Rees, who brought his Hamlet into the Barbican last night in a production by Ron Daniels which still features Virginia McKenna as Gertrude but has otherwise undergone some major cast changes. Stratford productions have recently had a habit of improving vastly on the detour into London by way of Newcastle, and this one has always had at its heart a strong working relationship between star and director. Both men were spear-carriers in the RSC of the late 1960s, though *Hamlet* was never then on Rees's horizons:

"It's one of the terror roles. You couldn't get out of bed in the morning if you thought that you had to go on that night and be a perfect Hamlet, simply because there is no such thing. We're not here to do just the great moments; we're here to do the dull bits and the bits that lack passion as well. And we're talking about an evening that lasts more than three and a half hours: it's a marathon. Mind you, I have some experience of marathons: when we were starting out on *Nicholas Nickleby* at the Aldwych they discovered that the tubes stopped running before we did. Now that's a real problem."

Despite the stardom that *Nickleby* brought him, especially in New York where he now keeps an apartment and is regularly addressed by cab-drivers as Nick, Rees remains essentially an RSC man. He joined the company as an extra in 1967 at the age of 22, and it was at Stratford that he first discovered not only Shakespearian acting but also poker and sex: within his first week there he had managed to lose both his pay packet and his virginity. So the RSC has been a home and a college as well as a theatrical training. Born and raised in Aberystwyth, with no theatre in the family save the recollection of a flamboyantly extrovert grandfather who while working as a barber in Ramsgate would frequently swim the harbour for charity carrying an entire dinner service in one hand, Rees grew up meaning to be a painter:



Rees: "This play is a romantic adventure"

"I went to the Slade and studied there for a while, but, when my father suddenly died, acting seemed a quicker way of making a living than painting so I joined the Wimbledon Rep for seven pounds a week to paint sets, and then when they wanted a juvenile lead for *Murder at the Vicarage* I was already there."

Three attempts to join the RSC then proved unsuccessful, so he went off to repertory theatres in Bath and Pitlochry until the Stratford management finally relented and gave him a lot of spears. Gradually however the parts did improve: by 1971 he was up to Gratiano and Roderigo, and by 1977 he was Aguecheek in *Twelfth Night* and Tusenbach in *Three Sisters* on the RSC's first regional tour:

"That Tusenbach was when I began to think that perhaps I was getting it right. I have always been very good at philosophic losers: the irony of my career is that for the last six years I have been playing heroes to whom I'm deeply unsuited. Here I am at the Barbican, one of nature's Horatios but in fact playing Hamlet." That all began with *Nickleby*, which again Rees regards as a triumph of miscasting:

"People keep telling David Threlfall how impossible it must have been for him to play Smike, all hunched up and padded like that for hours. They forget that I had to play Nickleby standing straight up at 37 pretending to be 19 for the same length of time."

Rees has had his taste of Hollywood (in a film called *Star 80*) and of television over here, most recently with Olivier in *The Ebony Tower*:

"That was an extraordinary experience. We were filming outside Limoges one night and Olivier invited me over to his hotel for dinner. When I got there, he came down to the bar and said 'Sit down – Ralph's dead'. He'd just heard the news from England, and that night there was of course a terrible sadness but next day he was the first on the set, triple himself, defiantly surviving and leading us all back into battle. That's why he was the leader of our profession for so long: he actually knew what a leader had to do. How many actors now really can lead? The power has all passed to the directors. I'm not so sure that's always a good thing. The urge to have your own company, to be in control, grows with the years: actors have grown too accustomed to having directors tell them what to do. Perhaps it's time some of us tried to change that."

But Rees is a Barton man, rooted in that Cambridge-Stratford school of Shakespeare which dictates that in between Gielgud as Benedick (all verse, no man) and Brando as Mark Antony (all man, no verse) there has to be a middle ground occupied by intelligent animal actors able to deal with both the language and the body.

- In my interview with Bill Alexander on March 30, writes **Sheridan Morley**, certain jocular and very generalized remarks were made by him about characteristics of the acting profession. While there is no suggestion of misquotation, Mr Alexander would like to note that these remarks have been wrongly assumed to carry a seriousness and weight that he did not intend.

Irving Wardle will review *Hamlet* on tomorrow's Arts Page

Jazz

Relaxed

Lanny Morgan

Bull's Head

As Britain's foremost shrine to bebop, the musical language invented in the Forties by Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie to discourage the attentions of Swing Era squares, the Bull's Head at Barnes is a natural home away from home for Lanny Morgan, a Californian alto saxophonist best known to the world of modern jazz for his presence in the rousing Maynard Ferguson orchestra of 20 years ago. Just started on his first tour of Britain, Morgan is one of that vast number of alto saxophonists who decided early on that Parker had a better idea.

Another such is Peter King, the gifted and experienced British musician who appeared with Morgan at the Bull's Head on Monday, adding the spirit of competition that has always seemed intrinsic to bebop's tricky themes and racetrack speeds. With eyes closed, in fact, it was almost impossible to distinguish between the two alto saxophones as they bit into "Scrapple from the Apple" and circled each other on a fearsomely rapid "Cherokee", matching each other's double-time flurries hurled across the beat and the harmonic scheme.

Such difference as there was had to do with relaxation. Morgan, an expansive chap who enjoys a joke with the rhythm section, showed a restraint born of confidence and thereby an ability to build a solo over several choruses; his partner, no less skilled but more diffident, seemed given to brilliant details at the expense of structure.

Mostly they stuck to the basic bebop format, which meant too many bass solos and drum exchanges (by the otherwise impeccable Spike Heatley and Terry Jenkins, respectively), pausing only for a delightful ballad medley, opened by Morgan with a sumptuous "But Beautiful" and closed by the pianist, Tony Lee, with a startlingly varied and witty treatment of "My One and Only Love".

Richard Williams

Concerts

Piercing vision

Edith Vogel

St John's/Radio 3

I had only one complaint about this recital, which was that the piano was unaccountably out of tune in its highest register. But the BBC both explained that and apologised for it as soon as the concert was over and I was left reflecting how little it mattered.

A mistuned note, a handful of mistakes and a lot of nervous over-pedalling would be quite enough to ruin most piano recitals: in Edith Vogel's sublimely musical readings of Schubert's A minor Sonata and Beethoven's Op 111 Sonata all those things added up to mere blemishes on the surface of a much more deeply satisfying experience.

Miss Vogel understands: it is as simple and as complicated as that. How can one explain why the lift, the sense of forward lilt, with which she impels the top note of the unison theme in the Schubert first movement should sound so exactly right, so perfectly placed? The flow of her rhythms, which by any metronomic calculation must be all over the place, comes out as graceful and natural. There is a feeling of lightening and quickening across the bar-line, so different from the usual blunt accent or self-conscious holding back, which makes her Schubert continually alive, even though its edges may be smudged.

In late Beethoven her rhythmic understanding is even more rewarding: she can make a pause on that violent B natural in the first unison of the Allegro sound as if it contains the pent-up energy of the whole movement. She may pick up the tempo after this far more slowly than Beethoven indicates, or shade off his chords in the coda sooner than he wished, but the tension she gives the development's sudden modulations and brief fraught fugato is just so absolutely right in its context that the whole thought-process of the sonata is suddenly laid bare.

In the Arietta, even as the piano's noises obtruded, Vogel's musicianship seemed to reach new heights: again her subtle rhythmic articulation transformed the often nearly jazzy third variation into a heavenly dance, and the high running figures were not mere decoration but a piercing vision: as Wilfred Mellers so aptly quotes of this movement "no wind but pentecostal fire".

Nicholas Kenyon

Sinfonietta/Rattle

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Ladies and gentlemen, there should follow a review of the first concert in a series lasting until Saturday which the London Sinfonietta describes as a "Beanfeast". But first I had better explain.

It is all very simple. Painfully conscious of the curious difficulty of selling twentieth-century music to twentieth-century audiences, the Sinfonietta are trying something new. First they lure crowds by creating a festive atmosphere, with the help of good publicity and puppetry and folk-music in the foyer. Then they play easily palatable music by composers like Britten, Ravel, Weill and Gershwin, making sure that the programme tells everyone that this really is twentieth-century music in the hope that people will thus be encouraged to return to try things more adventurous another time.

Even if this excellent ruse does not succeed the concerts throughout the week, including a number given by different ILEA ensembles, are attractive in themselves. This opening one, at any rate, showed the Sinfonietta at their best. Following a spruce overture (that to Mozart's *Idomeneo*) there was Britten's Serenade for tenor, horn and strings, still sounding exquisite forty years on. Philip Langridge made the work seem a less nostalgic, more adolescent creation than others before have done, though his supple voice and sensitive response to the composer's marvellous choice of verse ensured a compelling reading, helped by the finely crafted horn-playing of Phillip Eastop and the excellently disciplined strings.

Inevitably this piece rather overshadowed Strauss's *Metamorphosen*, in any case not the brightest, nor the most economical, of music, despite the obvious devotion of the 23 solo strings and their conductor, Simon Rattle. Happily to end the evening there was Ravel's *Ma Mère l'oye*, whose impeccably conveyed charm surely acquired the new friends so richly deserved by this splendid organization.

Stephen Pettitt

Philharmonia/ Svetlanov

Festival Hall

That the visionary spirit of *The Dream of Gerontius* can transcend more than one temporal barrier was evident again on Monday night, when it was conducted for the first time in my experience by a visitor from the Soviet Union. Yevgeny Svetlanov is happily recovered from the ill health that forced him to cancel a number of recent engagements here, and took charge of the Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus in a performance of much beauty and feeling.

It began almost theatrically, however, with a strong, affirmative opening that belied Elgar's "mistico" marking, heavily accented stabbing chords and a semi-chorus including a "Kyrie" as if from some remote distance, a sense of perspective that was to recur to expressive advantage later. On the platform the orchestral cellos were seated, unusually, inside the violas to the conductor's right, as if to increase the resonance of lower strings in Elgar's tonal foundations.

Yet there were also subtle and subdued instrumental textures, in the second part particularly where the inward spirit of the music began to be more deeply felt. It built steadily and flexibly to a climax of some grandeur before being borne away on the softly rounded tones of the English National Opera's Jean Rigby, who here joined that select company of Angels to whom the soul of Gerontius has been confidently entrusted for vocal compassion and safe keeping.

Robert Tear sang an earnest Gerontius, who might with advantage have differentiated more expressively between the carefully marked dynamic levels of the tenor writing, and John Shirley-Quirk sent forth the soul of Gerontius more resolutely than he pleaded for its salvation. The chorus and orchestra were careful as well as concerned and the conductor held the final chord as if binding it to eternity: I suspect he was as moved as anybody by the dream that Elgar dreamed once and for all time.

Noël Goodwin

Television

Analysis defied

Last night's programme in the **Television** series (ITV), subtitled *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*, set out to mirror the fundamental controversy about the power of television and its effect on the viewer. It began with the celebrated trial in America of a 15-year-old boy whose lawyer dreamed up the defence of television-induced insanity to explain why his client had shot an 84-year-old woman – a nice try by the legal profession, but not a significant episode in the history of television.

In its rambling progress through the debates about sex, violence and bad language on television the programme consistently failed to present a coherent overview; it also missed the most important aspect of these debates. To paraphrase the communications guru of the Sixties, Marshall McLuhan, it is not the message on television which is important, but the medium itself, whose power at present defies human analysis.

Like the famous nude cha-cha from the late-night *OTT* show, the programme came tantalizingly close to revealing the truth, but always held a colourful, inflated idea in front of it. The families who were deprived of television for a month in an experiment in West Germany and America hinted at it. "It's like a death in the family", said one man, as the set was carried out of his home. "It's like getting an old buddy back in the house", said another, as his set was restored to him at the end of the experiment.

Later, the presenter of an English language-teaching programme with an audience of 100 million in China talked about her unsettling translation into a creature of the tube.

Instead of probing the strange life-force of the television image, the programme took opinions from a procession of interested parties, many of whom had irrelevant credentials – Cliff Robertson, Spike Milligan, Dean Rusk and, of course, Mary Whitehouse, who expresses anxiety from a position conferred on her entirely by media people in search of an opposite pole to prevailing liberal opinion.

There were unprovable, hackneyed statistics – an 18-year-old American will have seen 15,000 screen murders and 350,000 commercials; more people have seen the plays of Shakespeare on television than ever saw them in theatres since they were written. There were gobbledegook pronouncements – "Television's greatest effect is caused by the fact that it is an industry with commercial interests." There was no consideration of the moral context of programmes. It was not a satisfactory examination.

Celia Brayfield

Theatre

Eloquent political epitaph

The Party

The Pit

The climax of Trevor Griffiths's play comes at the moment when Tagg, the old Glasgwegian Trotskyite, picks up the latest news of the 1968 Paris student uprising and greets it, almost in tears, as "a massive defeat of the revolutionary spirit".

This is not the conclusion of a piece which deliberately leaves all its arguments open, but it does represent the most clear-sighted response to the play's historical pretext. Twelve disillusioning years after its first performance, it remains the most eloquent epitaph for that short-lived burst of new political energy that flared up and died in the 1960s.

In ordinary narrative terms, *The Party* seems a most defective piece of work. Joe, the television producer, is touched for £300 by his working-class brother, who wants to set up in business. Joe, a Kensington Socialist, hesitates to give this backing to the capitalist system; and there follows an all-night symposium on the state of the British left, after which brother Eddie returns and gets his loan, even though nothing in the debate has clarified even this tiny issue.

The plot, however, is an exact reflection of the play's subject: the impotent alienation of the socialist intelligentsia. Only two characters see things clearly: the old Trotskyite organizer and the one working-class character, who has no interest in politics and would be a model candidate for Thatcherite favour.

Otherwise, we get the melancholy spectacle of the left splitting up into smaller and smaller factions. Joe's guests meet to try and work out some common ground in response to the Paris events, but debate is beyond them. All they can do is lecture each other. Fortunately Griffiths has the nerve fully to acknowledge this, and the political literacy to compose lectures of mind-stretching energy. It is no criticism of the piece to notice that the minor figures – the agit-prop performer, the young political careerist, the Paris barricades groupie – add little to the dialogue. This is how they would speak: as if throwing handfuls of gravel. When it comes to the main speakers, you can only compare the piece (not that the comparison would please Griffiths) with Shaw: a virile Shaw, who knows other passions than the passion of ideas.

Lacerating self-contempt: Nicholas Woodeson trying Joe's disguises

First seen in Stratford last August, Howard Davies and David Edgar's production contains some textual changes. Gone is the Groucho Marx prologue and the attempt to link Joe's political impotence with the state of his marriage. Instead we see Joe (Nicholas Woodeson) periodically taking refuge in front of a mirror and trying out a series of clown disguises, all communicating a state of lacerating self-contempt. This is the most successful device so far, establishing the point that the hopelessly compromised "socialist producer" is acting an artificial role as much in company as when he is alone. Even so, it does not succeed in making impotence dramatic, and it leaves you to work out for yourself what is going on in his fractured mind.

Otherwise, there is a beautifully exact study in intellectual gamesmanship by Roger Allam as the LSE revisionist, dropping his lecturing manner to outline his career prospects.

There are also two towering performances, from Malcolm Storry, emerging with a groan from under a bean-bag to recreate the tortured spirit of the late David Mercer, and from Ian McDiarmid whose Tagg, frail, blanched and launching into his 20-minute speech with a command of every trope known to high rhetoric, is such almost to eclipse the memory of Olivier in this role.

Irving Wardle

Dance

Lindsay Kemp

Sadler's Wells

For the next four weeks Lindsay Kemp and company occupy Sadler's Wells. Those who enjoy his curious, self-indulgent form of charades may fill the theatre better during the run than at Monday night's opening. Three works are to be given: the first, running until April 23, is new to London.

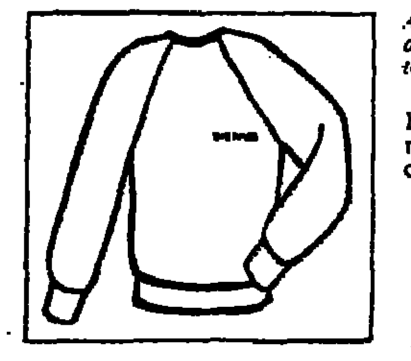
The Big Parade features an aged film director, looking like something out of a horror movie, recalling scenes of triumph or, more often, disaster. For the greater part of the show (110 minutes, no interval), the action consists of sketches taking off different kinds of silent film, but towards the end a theme peeps through the smoke and lighting effects, hinting at the tragedy brought to some lives by the arrival of talkies.

Some characters recur from the short-lived ballet about Hollywood which Kemp made for Ballet Rambert in 1975, but the new work is nothing like so funny as that was in its crude way. This time the prevailing mood is cruelty, including an episode of branded flesh complete with appropriate smells.

None of this is very original and neither is the treatment. Make-up and costuming are the cleverest elements. The miming, accompanied by Carlos Miranda's score incorporating 1920s tunes, is conventional and notable only for the commitment with which the performers put over the camp attitudes. Kemp should have heeded the instruction "Cut!" which frequently flashes up on the backcloth; most of the episodes drag on too long.

Talking of drag, I suppose that the show will appeal more to those who find the sight of men in frocks funny or exciting. There is no nudity this time, and there was no Kemp in the opening cast although he is listed as alternate cast for two roles. I cannot imagine him matching Michael Matou's stern tread as the director but he might have more glamour than Cheryl Heazelwood as the platinum-wigged star.

John Percival



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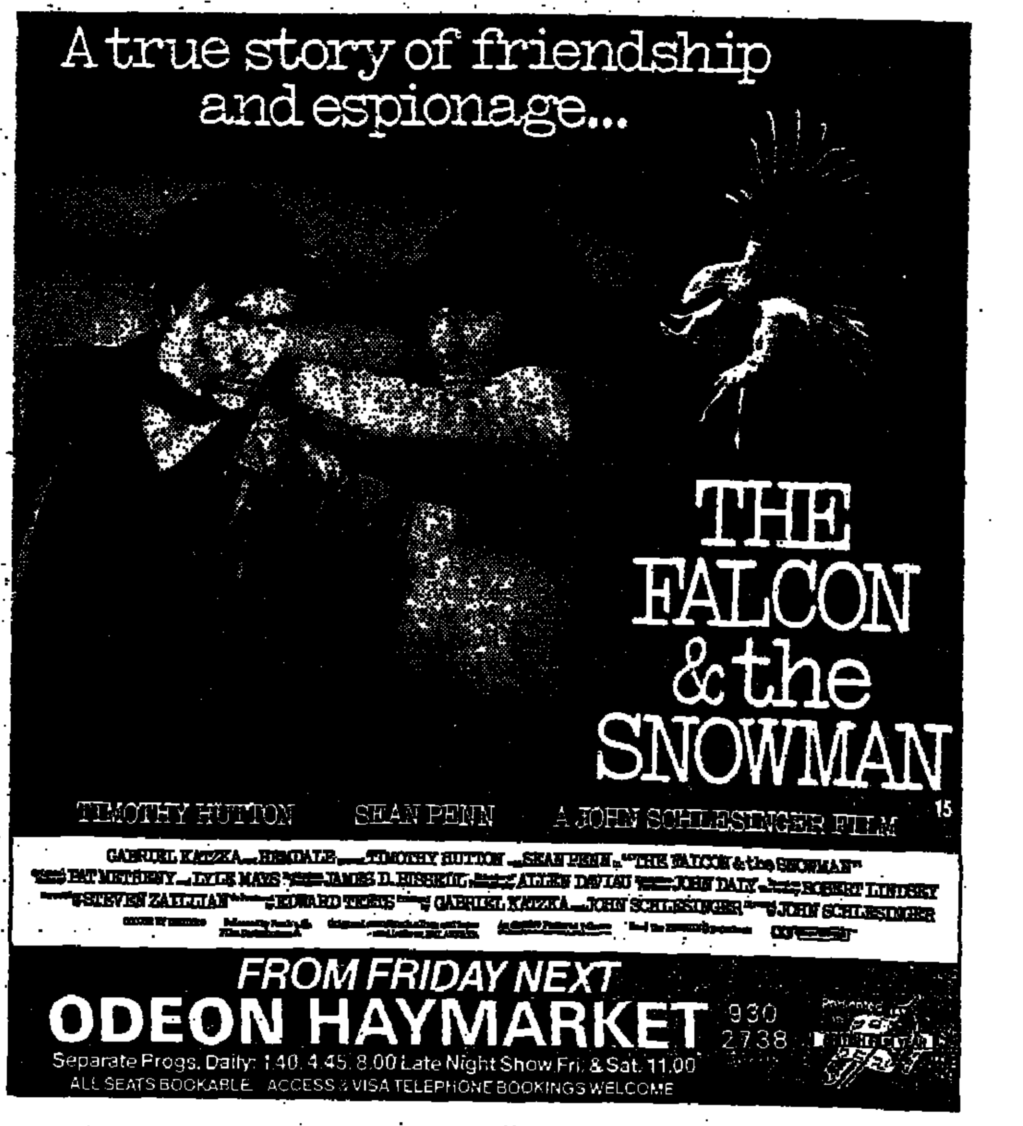

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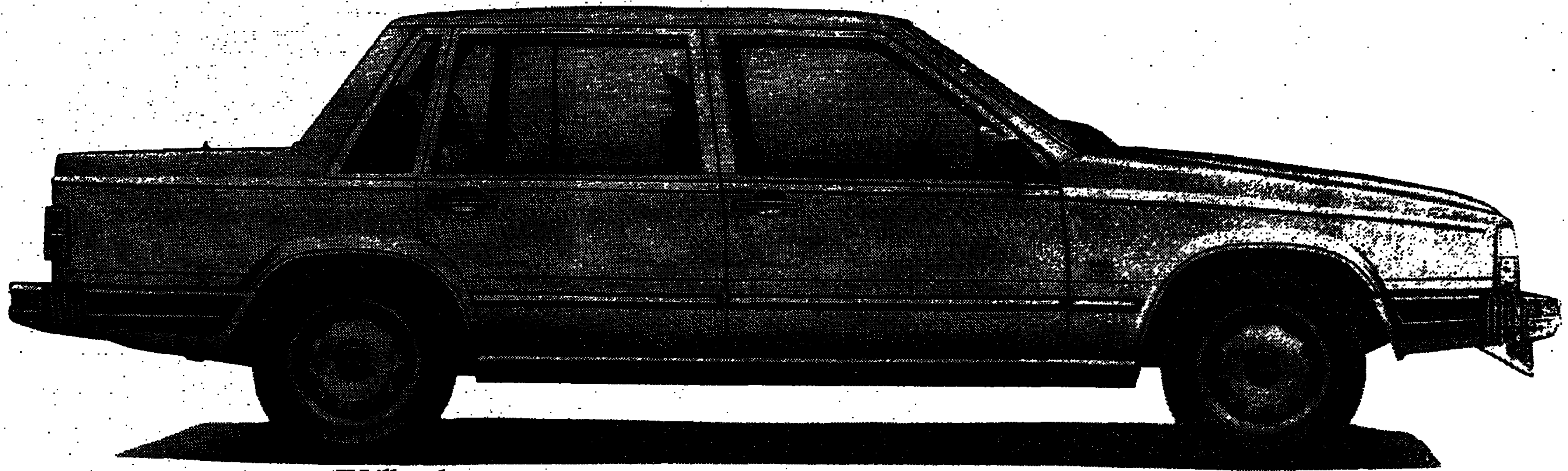

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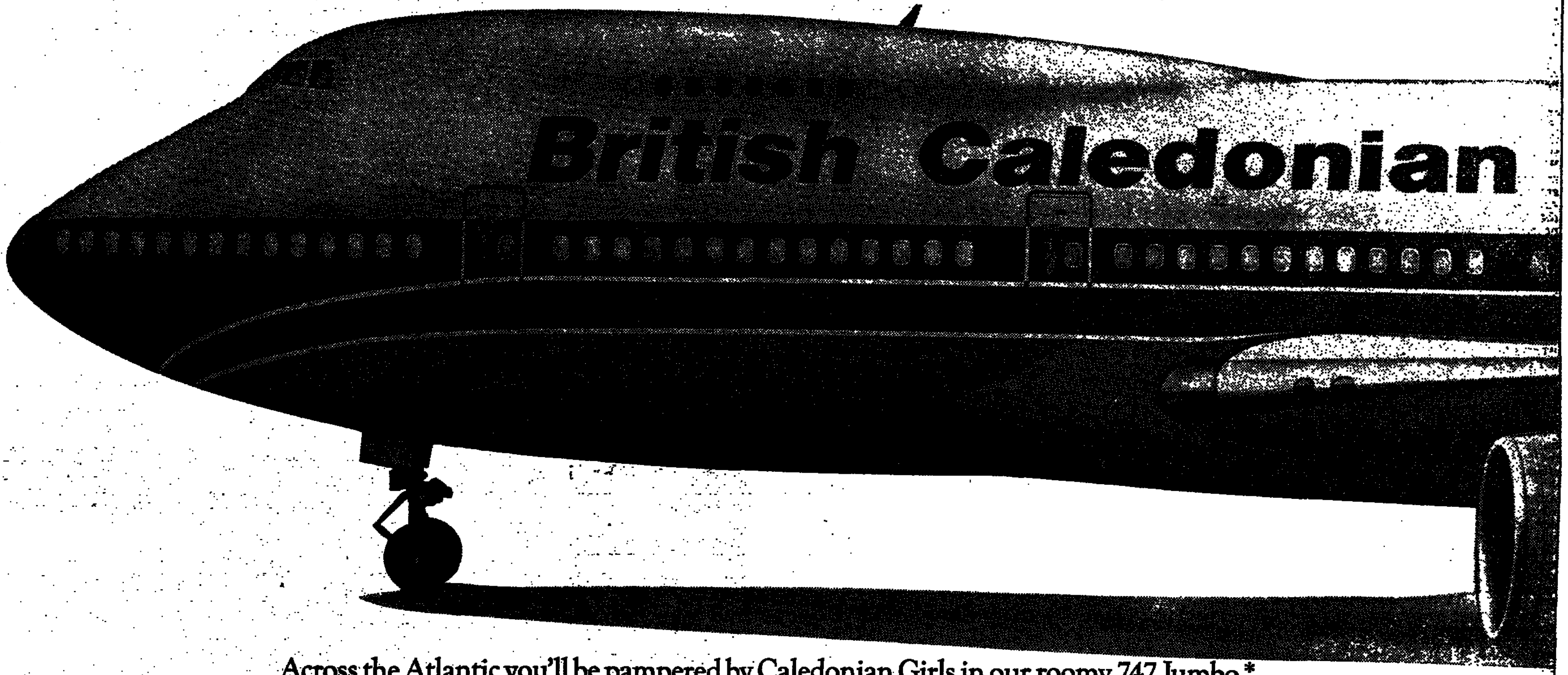

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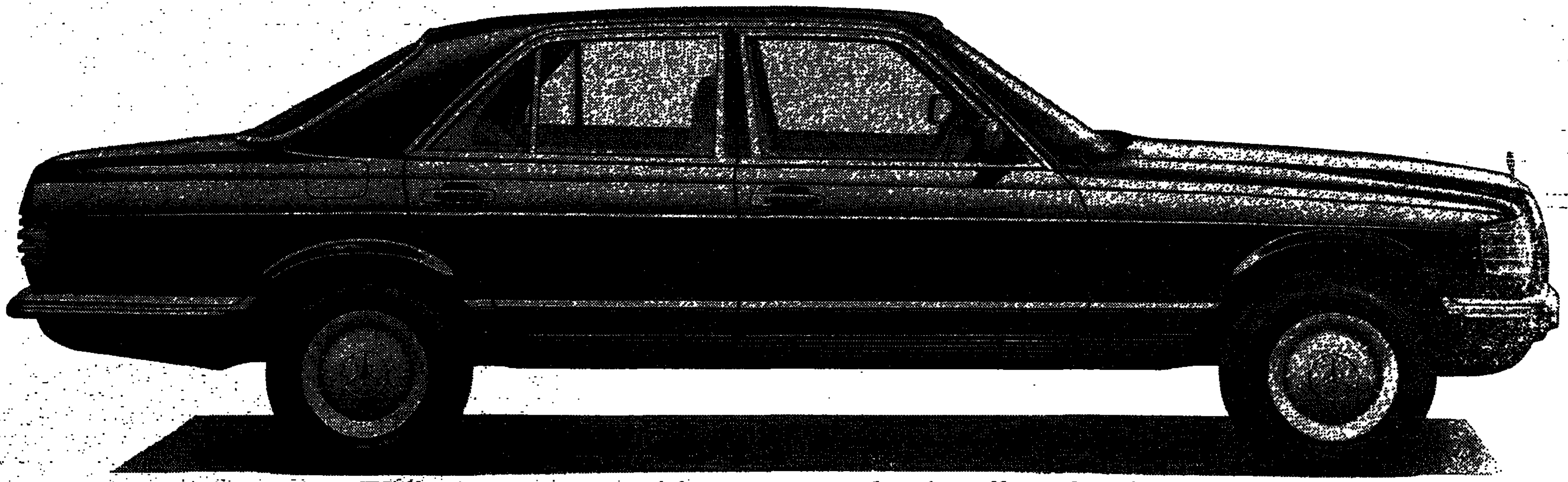

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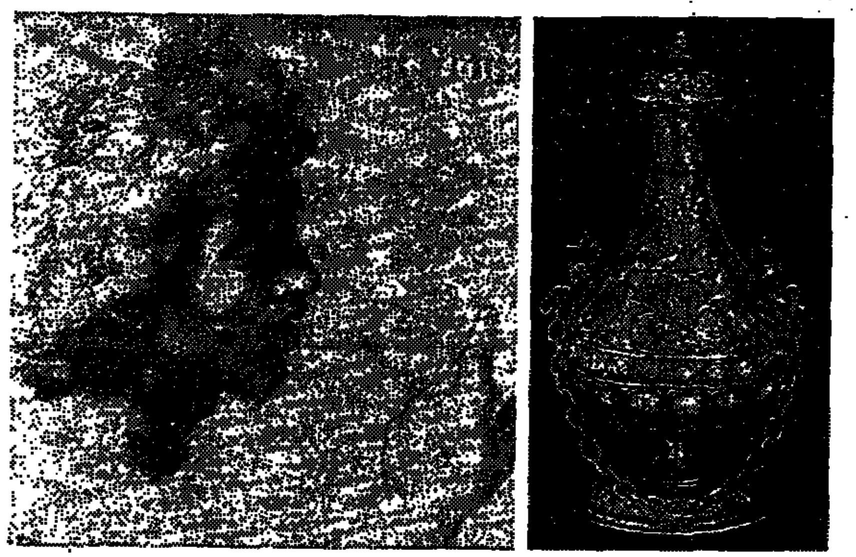
In the final part of a series, **Geraldine Norman** calls for action to plug the art drain

Defending treasure island

SAVING
BRITAIN'S HERITAGE

Works of art have been flowing out of Britain for almost a century. With a booming art market and a strong dollar the flow is now turning into a flood. A new initiative is needed if we are to have any art left. Our Saleroom Correspondent puts forward a new tax incentive scheme and argues that turning art into a tax haven is the best available route to save the nation's art treasures and the stately home collections

Going . . . 'Mantegna's Adoration of the Magi', being auctioned at Christie's tomorrow, is expected to fetch a record £10m to £15m from a foreign buyer



Gone: This chalk drawing (above) by Raphael sold for £3,564,000 last year at Christie's to the widow of an American millionaire. The silver gilt bottle (right), made in London in 1553 and valued at £121,000, is now in an American collection after an export licence was granted

The owners of stately homes have become the prisoners of their possessions. The tax exemptions available to ease the problems of succession are rescinded if anything is sold and maintenance funds for the preservation of the property can only be exempted from transfer tax if the capital is committed to this purpose in perpetuity. By signing up for these exemptions the owner commits himself to assuring reasonable public access, and what is reasonable is decided by the Government. For many days a year hundreds of members of the public will be wandering around his house and garden; he must provide car parks, tea rooms, lavatories. It is a harsh burden for anyone who is not born with the combined psyche of a museum curator and tax accountant.

While many families struggle on and a few houses are sold up, more are transferred to the ownership of the National Trust every year. The Trust itself will admit that the life goes out of the house when the family connection is severed; it becomes a museum and is far more costly to run.

At the same time, the contents of the houses that remain in private hands are gradually slipping overseas. Major efforts are made to prevent export of the greatest works of art, but the charming second rate is allowed to leave unhindered. The strong dollar and a booming art market have led to an explosion of exports, and by the end of the century there will only be a few slimline collections left.

In the last year for which figures are available (1982-83), 4,500 licences to export works of art that had been in the country more than 50 years were applied for. Their combined value was around £150 million and in only nine cases was there an export ban.

Many of the works of art and antiques covered by these licences did not, of course, come from stately homes. They were the treasures of more modest families from manor houses and middle class homes up and down the country. But this is also a significant loss. Every year British collectors own less art and there will certainly be much less left for our children.

A major initiative is needed to stem this flood and bring some life back into art collecting. If new collections were busily being formed the loss of old ones would be less significant. The two most obvious courses for the Government – a big increase in public spending or the introduction of stiff export controls – do not fit with the its market philosophy. A third, the introduction of tax concessions for collectors such as those operating in America – which has often been urged on our Government – has been ruled out as too open to abuse and too expensive.

A tax incentive scheme is, however, the only promising avenue. In America the value of a work of art donated to a museum can be offset against income tax. Unsurprisingly, crooked valuations are a perpetual headache for the Internal Revenue Service. However, the scheme has led to the establishment and stocking of literally thousands of museums all over the country. The nation, and future generations in particular, have profited enormously from the tax ruses of the rich.

The Americans have profited from the tax ruses of the rich

In a period when art has never been so genuinely popular, to enhance art collecting with tax incentives is surely a solution well worth considering. A wholly new scheme is presented here which *The Times* has developed in discussion with heritage bodies. Its aim is to shift responsibility for conserving the heritage from the public to the private sector by allowing private collectors generous tax treatment providing that they share the enjoyment of their art works with the public.

In effect, private collectors would become the curators of the national heritage. They would be required to lend their art works to exhibitions on request for up to six months of the year and to provide full information on them to a photographic archive which would become a catalogue of the nation's art collection. In return the value of their art would be exempt of capital taxes.

The scheme would make a major difference to the owners of stately homes containing inherited art collections. After the qualifying 10 years they would no longer have to share the proceeds of sales with the exchequer, so that, for example, the sale of one Rembrandt would go as far as three today. They might even be encouraged to buy more art as a convenient means of transferring wealth, tax free, to the next generation. With a house open to the public, they would have no difficulty over providing for its public exhibition.

The Treasury may well argue that it cannot afford to forego so much tax revenue. The tax liabilities of those who inherit great art collections are, however, an entirely fortuitous product of spiralling prices in the international art market.

During the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, British collectors combed the world for art treasures. In 1900 these extraordinary cultural riches were worth very little in financial terms. They are now worth a lot, simply because foreigners have learned to value art more highly than we do. High taxation is chasing the marvellous hoards of past centuries out of the country and it is more than arguable that the cultural loss outweighs the financial gain to the exchequer.

This scheme, however, is not envisaged as playing a purely defensive role but also as a creative one by encouraging the collection of art. Educators have long acknowledged the civilising influence of art, quite apart from its popular appeal. Encouraging the formation of new collections, available for loan to exhibitions, would pay cultural dividends to the nation as a whole.

The great national collections already have such riches that a shift in emphasis in their spending from acquisitions to major exhibitions drawn from private collections could be all to the good. In contrast, small regional museums can never hope to achieve comprehensive collections and would greatly benefit from the availability of works of art on loan. Indeed, loan exhibitions could be mounted wherever secure, well lit space was available making possible a much wider geographic spread of art for enjoyment.

To encourage the collection of contemporary art would be particularly beneficial. There are currently only a tiny number of modern art collectors in Britain and no patronage is available for British artists – unless they choose to emigrate. If the scheme could help create as vivid and exciting a contemporary art scene as can be found in New York, the advantage would be felt for generations to come.

Our scheme would encourage art suitable to private collections

The tax concessions allowed in America to those who donate to charitable foundations mean that contemporary artists tend to create very large pieces only suitable for museum display. The trend is reinforced in Europe where it is mainly museums that buy new art. Our scheme would encourage the creation of art suitable to private collections – which could be a very good thing for art.

The philosophy behind the tax concessions currently available to art collectors in general, and stately home owners in particular, is that they qualify for special treatment by sharing the enjoyment of their possessions with the public. This sharing must continue in perpetuity; the moment public access is cut off, the taxes that had been waived become payable. Our scheme departs from this by suggesting that to share your possessions with the public for 10 years should be enough to qualify for special treatment. This is perhaps more in line with human psychology. Stately-home owners are understandably unwilling to tie down their successors in perpetuity.

Any number of tax incentive schemes can be envisaged which would help protect the heritage. This idea is put forward in the hope of stimulating debate. I am flying a kite.

PROPOSAL FOR TAX EXEMPTION

Capital taxes should not be charged on art and antiques (as defined by Customs) when the enjoyment of them is shared with the public in the manner set out below:

● Their ownership is registered with the Inland Revenue, the exemption from tax to run from the date of registration.

● They are not sold for 10 years after registration. If transferred by gift or bequest, the recipient would be required to fulfil the conditions of registration for a further 10 years to achieve exemption.

● Reasonable attention is paid to conservation.

● They are available on request for loan to exhibitions for up to six months in any one year (if appropriate conservation is assured). This requirement would be waived for items on show in houses that are regularly open to the public.

● Suitable photographs and a description of each item are lodged with a national art archive, the copyright in the photographs being ceded to the archive. (The current location of an item to be confidential, with scholars' enquiries accommodated by a "box number" system.)

● A registration fee of £100 per item is paid, the proceeds to go to the National Heritage Memorial Fund and/or the National Art Collections Fund.

● That any transfer of ownership is registered and, in the event of a sale, the National Heritage Fund or the National Art Collections Fund is *offered* first refusal.

It is envisaged that a national art archive would make the material it gathered available on a commercial basis to publishers, lecturers and researchers with the aim of covering the costs of the registration scheme.

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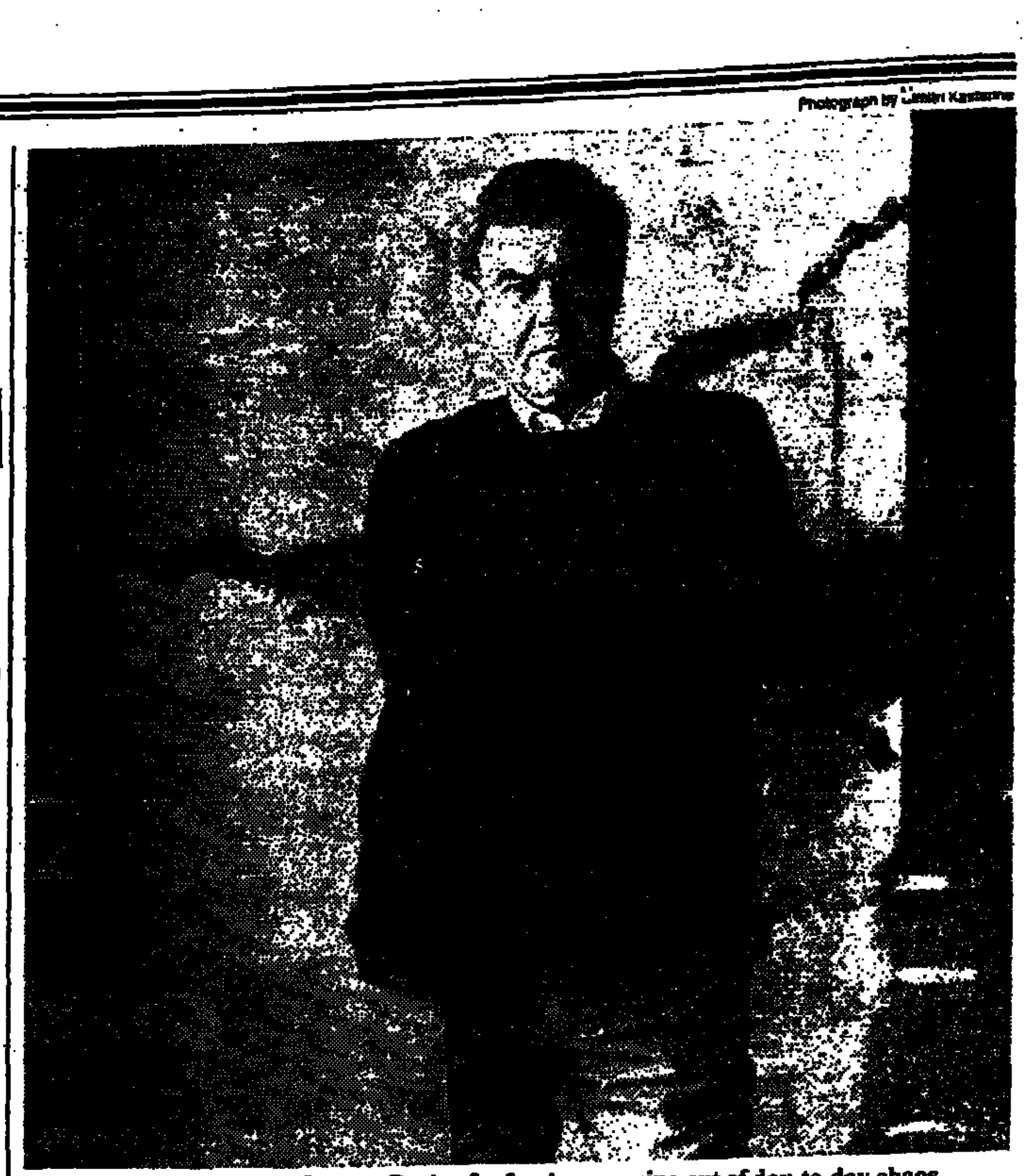


Writer Raymond Carver: Genius for forging meaning out of day-to-day chaos

Poetry, poverty and realism down in Carver country

I sat on the left in the train travelling north from New York to Syracuse, watching the ranch-style and colonial-style houses of Cheever country slowly give way to the non-de luxe homes and car parks that for a growing number of devotees are coming to mean Carver country.

Lower-class America is a territory which, in three volumes of short stories, Raymond Carver has made so distinctly his own that you feel you can almost hear the babies wailing and vacuum-cleaners squealing, and the recriminatory, ketchup-hurling brawls erupting from the track-side dwellings as the train flies past.

Sitting on the left of the train was advice I had remembered from *Cathedral*, the title story of Carver's latest collection, in which a man reluctantly welcomes a blind friend of his wife's into his home.

"Did you have a good train ride?" the narrator asks the blind man on arrival. "Which side of the train did you sit on, by the way?" To which the blind man replies: "Right side. I hadn't been on a train in nearly 40 years. Not since I was a kid. With my folks. That's been a long time. I'd nearly forgotten the sensation."

"Have a good train ride?" Carver, a big, unexpectedly fleshy man in a duffle-coat and almost-Earthshoes, enquired politely when he collected me at Syracuse. "Did you sit on the left? You get the best views over the Hudson that way," he went on, having squeezed himself behind the wheel of a VW Beetle suffering from terminal rust. "I hadn't been on a train in years till we moved here. Not since I was a kid."

Raymond Carver's genius for forging meaning out of the day-to-day chaos of directionless and otherwise meaningless lives has established him as one of the most influential and popular short-story writers in America.

"Dirty realism" is what *Granta*, the magazine that first championed it in this country, christened the work of Carver and American contemporaries such as Richard Ford, Barry Hannah, Dennis Johnson, Jayne Anne Phillips and Bobby Ann Mason, all of whom share a common subject matter – in Carver's words, "People who don't succeed at what they try to do, at the things they most want to do, the large or small things that support the life."

The following paragraph, from a story called *Where Is Everyone*, is classic Carver, in both its style and its preoccupations:

> During those days, when my mother was putting out to men she'd just met, I was out of work, drinking, and crazy. My kids were crazy, and my wife was crazy and having a "thing" with an unemployed aerospace engineer she'd met at AA. He was crazy too. His name was Ross and he had five or six kids. He walked with a limp from a gunshot wound his first wife had given him. He didn't have a wife now; he wanted my wife. I don't know what we were all thinking of in those days.

It is only recently, since he received an American Academy of Arts and Letters award worth $35,000 a year, that Carver has been able to write full-time. The No Visitors sign is regularly posted outside the house in Syracuse where he lives in suburban anonymity with the poet Tess Gallagher, and he occasionally takes off alone for the house they have had built on the west coast, in Washington state.

On a recent visit there, undertaken in a mood of conscious retreat from the media representatives and the writers of bibliographies and monographs who have lately started to darken his door, more than 100 poems had poured out of him in 65 days. "Something has happened," he said, still vaguely bemused. "I was writing poems at the rate of two or three or four a day. Which was a completely new experience for me. I felt . . . electrified."

Carver began short-story writing originally because short stories were all he could fit into his life as a husband and father. It often meant sitting outside in the car at nights, scribbling on a pad on his knee. But he has finally started on the extended piece of fiction (he is reluctant to call it a novel) which the circumstances of his life prevented him from attempting until now.

Carver was born in 1939 and grew up in a small town in Washington State, where his father worked at a sawmill and his mother took whatever jobs she could get. He married young and had two children by the age of 20. "In those days," he wrote, "I always worked some crap job or another, and my wife did the same. . . I worked sawmill jobs, janitor jobs, delivery man jobs, service-station jobs, stockroom boy jobs. . . Time and again I reached the point where I couldn't see or plan any further ahead than the first of next month and gathering together enough money, by hook or by crook, to meet the rent and provide the children's school clothes."

Almost wilfully, like his father and many of the characters in his fiction, Carver took to the bottle. He became an alcoholic. In the 15 months following the publication in 1976 of *Will You Please Be Quiet Please*, his first collection of stories, he was in and out of hospitals and other institutions and ended up in a rehabilitation centre that had once been a hospital for the criminally insane.

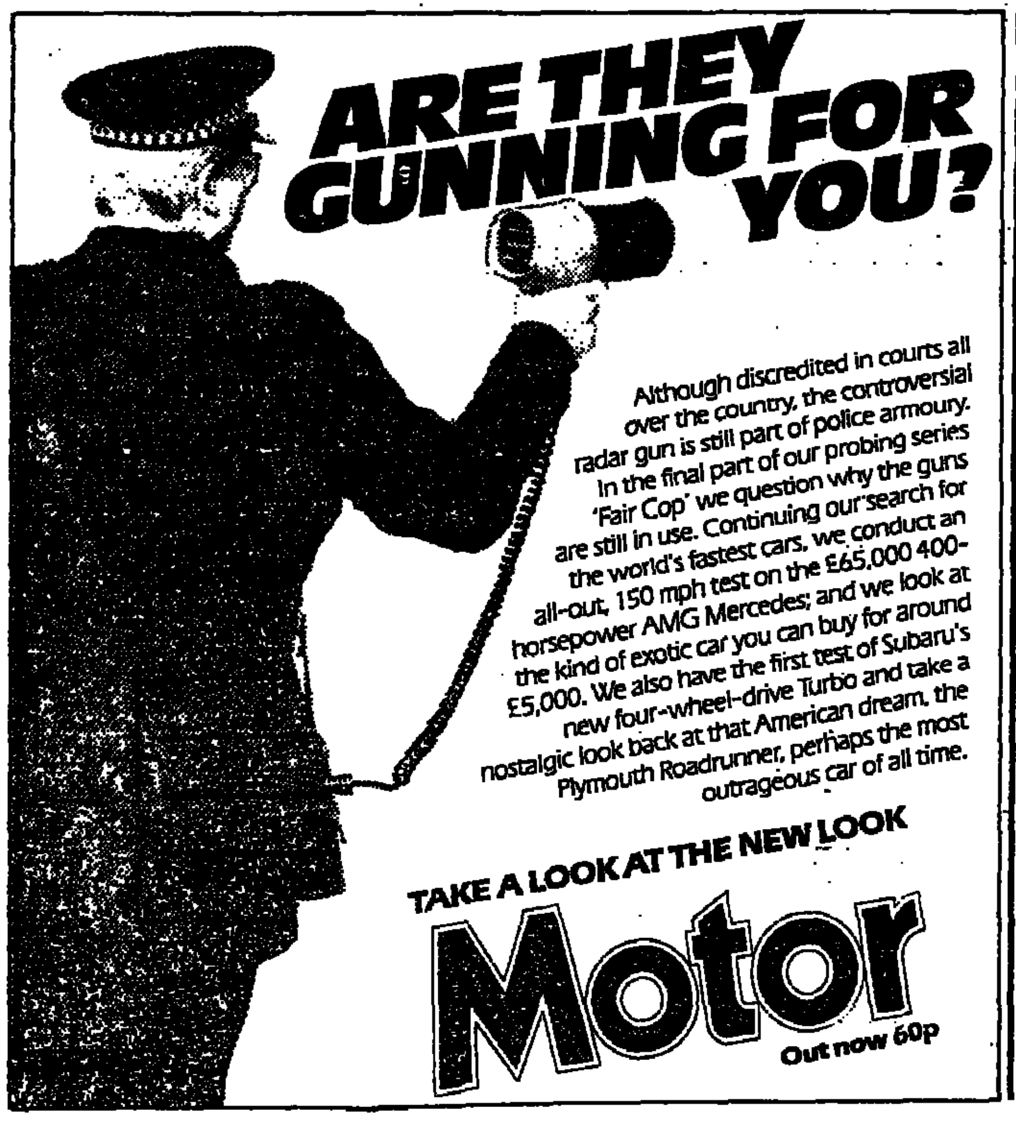
"I couldn't do anything without alcohol," Carver said. "I couldn't imagine teaching class unless I was drunk. I had a half-bottle in the drawer in my office, one in my briefcase, one in the car, another in the hedge at home. . . I was going downhill fast. My life as a writer was receding further and further into the yeasty distance. But then the compulsion to drink left me as though it had never been there. That was a real blessing."

June 2, 1977, was the last time he touched a drop. For the past eight years he has led a life of abstemious domesticity, mostly on or around the University of Syracuse campus. But the focus of his writing hasn't shifted. He still writes about short-order cooks, supermarket cleaners, travelling salesmen, brake-and-fender men and other "marginal" people, trawling a past that he says he knows in his bones to be inexhaustible.

"I wish my life had been different," he said, speaking both for himself and for the constituency of the unread and the unwaged, whom he is seen increasingly to represent. "I wanted a different and better life for my wife and my kids. We just got caught in a whirlpool of some sort and couldn't get out."

Gordon Burn

The Stories of Raymond Carver, *published by Picador, and* Fires, *a new collection of essays, poems and stories, published by Collins, will both appear on May 16.*



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Although discredited in courts all over the country, the controversial radar gun is still part of police armoury. In the final part of our probing series 'Fair Cop' we question why the guns are still in use. Continuing our search for the world's fastest cars, we conduct an all-out, 150 mph test on the £65,000 400-horsepower AMG Mercedes; and we look at the kind of exotic car you can buy for around £5,000. We also have the first test of Subaru's new four-wheel-drive Turbo and take a nostalgic look back at that American dream, the Plymouth Roadrunner, perhaps the most outrageous car of all time.

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"It is not difficult to give away a car", said "Barry" Barrington-Needham of Alfa Romeo. Or anything else, for that matter: trips to Disneyworld, courtesy of the Potato Marketing Board; Vauxhall Novas from Walt Disney; free kitchens from Austin Rover.

The basic purpose, of course, is sales promotion, and the give-away trick is now being mastered by everyone from chain stores to building societies.

Companies usually prefer prizes to goods – their own or bought at a discount from a firm that is glad of the publicity – rather than cash. Videos are latest favourites, cars perennial. If possible, there is also some link between the sponsor and the glittering prizes.

Aramis, the men's toiletry company, bought a car and sprayed it in their own colours. Martell sent contest winners to Cognac. Lego sent winning children and adults to the legendary Legoland Park in Denmark. A competition requiring children to paint "Postman Pat's Christmas Party" provided "a day out at the Post Office" for winners (but not, surprisingly, two days at the Post Office for also-rans).

If drumming up custom is the company's motive, "comping" is more a way of life than a pastime for those who take part. When a "comper" notices that Ready Brek is putting up prizes, Ready Brek is what goes on the breakfast table – until, that is, Cornflakes comes up with the goods. A son may want a digital watch, but the rewards offered by a cycle firm may persuade a parent to buy that for him instead. There won't be much Quick Brew in the teapot if Typhoo are putting up a first prize of several thousand pounds.

For Frank Tate, a legendary "comper", entering proved not only a way of life but the path to prosperity. Having won a prize of ferry tickets in Scotland, he set out to win a car to go with them. He won one, then another. He equipped his house, from freezer to Frisbee, by his skill in arranging six points in order of merit and completing sentences beginning: "I like Doggos because . . ."

Mr Tate has now gone where "comping" brings no rewards (unless, of course, a real professional to the last, he managed to arrange the six virtues of cremation in the right order and win a free funeral). His last bequest to his fellow "compers" is his posthumous book *Congratulations! You Have Won . . .* (Allison & Busby, £1.95).

How many "compers" are there? The number is reflected by the million entries for the Pal competition of 1980 and by the *Competitors Journal* fortnightly circulation of 20,000. The 250,000 entries for the Walker's Crisps contest is also thought to be a significant figure in terms of "serious compers" since it was of a standard that would separate sheep from goats.

In Britain each year, the number of competitions – an appealing form of gambling in which punters have nothing to lose – is thought to be around 3,000, including the smaller fry as well as big chains and competitions run by newspapers and magazines.

"The reason there are so many is that we are in the middle of a recession when everybody is short of money", explained Mary Cann, once an enthusiastic "comper", who won £5,000 – "enough to buy our house" – 15 years ago. She has now given up "comping" for the profession of "solutionist". She runs Enter-Prize Research, which offers customers all the factual answers and orders of merit in current competitions, leaving them free to concentrate on the crucial slogans.

Although some of the winning slogans may cause her to gasp in horror, she praises the fairness of judging ("The organizers' aunts and uncles don't win") and even remains loyal to commodities as diverse as a particular soap and specific liqueur which she stumbled upon for competitive purposes.

That would smell sweetly to Aramis, whose promotions manager, Gina Michaelides, told me: "In the end, you're going for new customers."

Jonathan Sale

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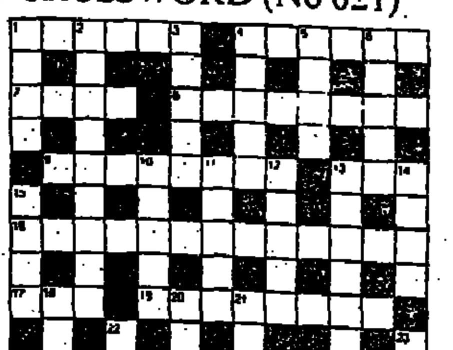

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Declarations of independence

More and more people are choosing to live alone. What is the singular attraction? Pearson Phillips reports

The established Western habit of living with someone of the opposite sex is said to be going out of fashion. The New Man and the Liberated Woman are choosing to be New and Liberated in their own, separate, homes.

We can't say we weren't warned. H. G. Wells predicted that single cell living would be the pattern of the future. The census returns of the past two decades seem to prove it is already happening. An oft-quoted statistic shows that if our living arrangements continue to develop as they have over the past two decades, 80 per cent of households will be single people, or family groups headed by a single person, by the end of the century.

This is not just happening in Britain or America, either. In Australia 4 per cent of the adult population was unmarried in the 1960s. Twenty-five per cent are unmarried now – a situation no doubt contributed to by the 100,000 gays among Sydney's male population.

There have, of course, always been Singles. But previously the single state was associated with failure. Now it is often a by-product of success, strong-minded individualism and unwillingness to compromise. The singles are "coming out". They have even been granted the social cachet of a Channel 4 documentary (*The Single Life*, Fridays at 10.30pm).

Women, it must be said, seem on average more enthusiastic about the new singularity than men. Women would say this is because most men never found it necessary to give up being mentally single, even when *they* married. The advantages of the single state most frequently quoted by women are being able to ignore a long-ingrained male tradition called "the evening meal" (women prefer to "pick at something" when they get home) and being spared the need to watch sport on television.

An unmarried writer and journalist living in south London spends three or four days a week with "her chap", retreating to her own house for the rest of the week to get some peace and quiet and do some work. One shining example of this kind of thinking is provided by novelist Margaret Drabble and biographer Michael Holroyd. They married, but kept separate homes, shuttling backwards and forwards between the two, as pressures of work and mutual social inclination dictated.

Another essential ingredient of successful singlehood (particularly for women) is a job that spills over into life and is more than just "a job". There is a whole new breed of these young executive women (or YEWs, as they were recently dubbed) who marry their careers for better or worse, richer or poorer.

There now looms a vision of a world full of individuals in stripped pine kitchenettes, warming up the individual frozen *Boeuf Stroganoff* before retiring to one side of the double bed. What do the pathfinders to this new way of life think of their single status?

Susan Egerton-Jones: Contentment is privacy and a cat

Haven of peace

Susan Egerton-Jones, who is 45, is number two to the editorial director of publishers Mitchell Beazley, and boards the 19 bus back to her Wandsworth flat at the end of the day. It's a refuge shared only with her Siamese cat. "I *find* it a wonderful haven of peace", she says. "And I don't much like life there being interrupted by someone calling unexpectedly."

A certain militancy has crept into her singlehood. "I don't object to subsidizing children through the taxation system, but I don't see why I should have to subsidize the institution of marriage, where no children are involved."

For her, that subsidized institution has never seemed to offer many advantages. Yes, there have been "relationships". "Do you know what the main turning-off point always seemed to be? Holidays. Holidays are a killer. I suppose I must be a bit egotistical. But I like going to places and seeing things. I enjoy cramming my time with impressions and experiences. But you go on holiday with someone and what happens? There I am wanting to go and look at the cathedral. And all they want to do is, well . . . stay in bed."

The alleged "maternal urge" which is supposed to afflict all women has not come her way. She gets the occasional taste of family life from married friends, which seems to be enough. She is bold enough to admit that her evenings are frequently a snack alone in front of the telly. With her cat.

Ben Gibson

Mark Todd: Loves the world of competitive riding

Suresh Karadia

Lois Jacobs: Unwinds with a takeaway and the video

I am free to do as I want

Every working morning a Porsche leaves Fulham in order to arrive at a company parking space on the fringe of Soho shortly before 8.30 am. Lois Jacobs, just turned 30 but with that look of being in her late 20s which successful single women seem to be able to preserve until their early 40s, is ready to do another day's battle towards her personal objectives.

What are they? "I am motivated by the determination and desire to become successful", she says. "To that end I devote most waking hours to work."

She is the managing director of a firm which organizes theatrical-style "events" for companies to launch products. It is a relatively new industry. Out of the eight companies involved in it, hers is the fourth largest, with a full-time staff of 30.

But what does she call "success"?

"I want to create a quality product which will do the right job. The kind of clients we work for show that we are on the right lines, people like Mars, Gillette and Reuter." Another thing which shows they are on the right lines is the fact that the company has just been bought up by Saatchi and Saatchi. Lois Jacobs had a stake, which may have something to do with the fact that she is now proposing to sell her Fulham place and buy a bigger flat.

"Apart from that, I want to achieve a certain status in the financial sense." In other words, she wants to be rich. And always alone?

"It sounds selfish, I suppose. But wouldn't it be more selfish to be married and still lead this sort of life, inflicting it on somebody else? Isn't that what a certain kind of man does? Boyfriends? Of course. I am quite normal in that respect. But my kind of life doesn't allow me to be quite as much at people's beck and call as I might be.

"Look, when I knew we were going to talk about this I made a list of pros and cons. Let's take the pros first.

"You have the freedom to do what you want to do, which in my case usually means working late or extending my day on some business matter. You don't have to worry about fitting in with someone else.

"Secondly, when you do get home, shattered, it's nice not to have to make any effort. You can just flop. There is none of that business of worrying about getting the supper. I will eat my Marks & Spencer takeaway and watch something on the video. *Dallas*, probably. Or I once recorded a whole two-hour session of *Coronation Street*. Marvellous for winding down.

"Thirdly, you can build up a circle of close friends of both sexes. People who understand and can support you. And then, of course, there is the financial status. Anything you earn is for you. There are no dependants." (In her case that is £30,000-plus a year.)

An what about the cons?

"The social business can be awkward. It's more difficult to entertain at home when you are alone. And there is always a risk when, say, entertaining a male client that he will get the wrong idea."

Her background, she says, helped fashion her for the role. Her father died when she was young and her mother left to live abroad. Lois spent her late teens travelling round North Africa and Europe, learning about Life while disc jockeying in South Italy.

It wasn't until she was 21 that she decided it was time for "a more structured life". Pretending she was 25, she applied for and got a job as secretary to the managing director of Fiat UK. "I was a bad secretary, always wanting to do things my way instead of his." But it provided her with a launch pad.

In those early days she shared a flat, but hated it. "I like my privacy. I like *my* place." But solo privacy brings problems. Having persuaded a plumber to call some time during the week, how do you make sure he's let in when the daily only comes once a week? Her answer: "You pay the daughter of a friend to sit in your flat and wait for him". That's management flair.

My life is too nomadic

And what have the men got to say? There are a number of cheerful gents around in the 35-plus age group who publicly boast that they are having far too good a time to get married. They prefer to enjoy their status as "spare men", being constantly in demand at dinner parties. These are not so much "single men" as parasites on the tree of marriage, enjoying the fruits with none of the risks.

Genuine single men are harder to find. Men seem less affected by "work spilling over into life" and disrupting a relationship with a partner. They are not the ones who worry about coming home from work to get the supper.

But in a small cottage in Wiltshire I found a tall, personable single man who is the genuine article. Mark Todd, edging 30, is the New Zealand horseman who won the individual eventing gold medal at the last Olympics and is favoured to win the Badminton Horse Trials. He fills the heart-throb niche in the green welly brigade once held by Richard Meade.

His white Mercedes has an "I Love My Horse" sticker in the back window which says a lot. "It's a nomadic sort of life, trailing round the horse shows", he says. "It wouldn't be right for a wife and perhaps kids. I don't want a little wifie staying at home waiting for me. Anyway, I've always been a little bit scared of marriage. My parents have such an ideal one. I'm worried I might not be able to achieve the same." But he has girlfriends, and spends much of his life surrounded by a retinue of female grooms.

He emerged on to the international scene representing New Zealand in the World Championships of 1978 and decided to settle in England to pursue an eventing career. But it didn't work out immediately. "At the end of 1981 things hadn't been going too well, so I went back to New Zealand, bought a herd of cows and settled down to a life of milking. It was only after a few years of that that I knew that competing with horses was what I really wanted."

Didn't he ever think of settling with a wife? "I not only thought about it, I tried it. I had met a girl here, who was also in the eventing world. Took her back to New Zealand with me. Marriage was in the offing. But after a while we kind of . . . decided that she should leave and carry on with her eventing career."

Who decided?

"Well, I suppose it was her, finally . . . "

I can't help thinking that in this new-fangled business of living singly, women are making most of the running.

Make a transparent success of strudel

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

It looked about right when it went into the oven, a lumpy bolster of spiced sliced apple in paper-thin strudel pastry. It was so big it had to do a U-turn to fit on the baking sheet. Heady smells of apple, cinnamon and cloves wafted all over the house as it baked and when it was ready, crisp and golden, I felt pretty pleased with my first attempt at strudel dough.

But I had not got it quite right. Paper-thin the recipe had said, but tissue-paper-thin was what it had meant. My strudel tasted terrific but there was a lot more to the pastry than there should have been. Cardboard – thin cardboard – but cardboard nonetheless was a fair description. At this point it would have been quite reasonable to go back to packets of factory-made phyllo pastry or strudel leaves – the commercial kinds are usually dual purpose.

That first effort had been so nearly right and such fun that I could not resist having another go. For strudel dough the usual rules of pastry making are turned upside down and every step is designed to maximize the elastic potential of the gluten in the flour. So the dough is kneaded, rested, and rolled out on a table covered with a floured cloth. Then, when it can be rolled no thinner, it is stretched by hand until it is so thin that you can literally read a newspaper through it.

If I say so myself, the second batch was pretty near perfect and I shall carry on making my own strudel dough whenever I want to make large strudels for cutting into individual servings. But for individual strudels it is not really worth the trouble because the factory-made pastry is just as good and can be bought fresh or frozen. Its one disadvantage is the small size of the sheets.

Strudel pastry
Makes enough for 2 large strudels

450 g (1 lb) strong plain flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon melted butter
About 300 ml (½ pint) warm water
Flour and melted butter to shape (see method)

Whether you prefer to work on a board or to mix the initial dough in a bowl, everything for making the pastry should be warm.

Sift together the flour and salt and make a well in the middle. Add the melted butter and enough of the water (probably all of it) to make a very soft dough.

On a lightly floured surface knead the dough vigorously for 10 to 15 minutes, until it turns from a sticky mess to a bouncy lump and finally to a shiny, blistered ball that feels silky. Leave it to rest for 30 minutes in a warm place, covered with a bowl to stop it from drying out. The dough will "relax" and become easier to stretch while retaining the strength that all the kneading has encouraged by developing the gluten.

While the dough is resting, the filling can be prepared. To stretch the strudel dough first cover a table with a clean cloth and flour it lightly. Put half the dough in the centre (half is easier to work for the first few attempts) and roll it out as thinly as you can with a floured pin.

Now, take off any rings with stones, bracelets or watches, and flour your hands. Brush the dough with melted butter to keep it supple, and carefully slide your hands, palms down, under the middle of the dough. Working always from the centre towards the nearest edge, stretch the dough by moving your hands apart, using the broad ball of the thumb and wrist so that the dough does not tear. Work round the table, stretching the dough section by section until it is tissue-paper-thin. Oddly, this becomes easier as the dough gets thinner.

The thick edging is cut off before the dough is wrapped round a filling, and any small holes can be repaired or ignored.

Use the stretched dough to make one large strudel, or cut it into rectangles to make individual pastries. A useful size for individual applestrudels is approximately 30 cm by 45cm (12in by 18in). Strips 8cm by 45cm (3in by 18in) make small triangular pastries. For unforgettable Greek nut pastries like baklava, cut the stretched pastry into sheets to fit your tin.

Applestrudel
Serves 8

900g (2lb) sharp, crisp apples
110g (4oz) sultanas, or sugar to taste
2 teaspoons freshly ground cinnamon or mixed spice
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons rum
About 85g (3oz) butter, melted
55g (2oz) dry crumbs of bread, Boudoir biscuit or ground nuts
½ recipe strudel dough in 1 large sheet or 8 small sheets (see method)

Peel, core and slice the apples. Bramleys or Granny Smiths are good. Mix them with the sultanas or sugar, ground spice, lemon juice and rum.

To make one large strudel, brush the sheet of pastry lightly with melted butter and sprinkle it almost to the edge with the dry crumbs. Lay the apple filling in one big sausage-shaped heap about 10cm (4in) in from one long edge of the pastry. Now, using the cloth to help you roll the strudel without tearing it, roll it up neatly and deposit it, seam side down, on a well buttered baking tray (with raised sides to catch juices). Tuck in the ends or pinch them together. Bend the strudel to fit the tray if necessary, and brush the top with melted butter.

Bake the strudel in a preheated moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for about 40 minutes, or until it is crisp and golden. The characteristically flaky appearance of strudel appears as the pastry cools and cracks.

Individual strudels require sheets of dough about 30cm by 45cm (12 in by 18in). Brush one sheet with melted butter and sprinkle the centre strip with crumbs. Lay one sausage-shaped heap of filling about 10cm (4in) long in the middle of one short edge of the dough. Roll it up, making about three turns before folding the sides in over the filling and rolling to the end of the strip. Form the remaining strudels the same way.

Arrange the pastries, slightly apart and seam side down, on a buttered baking tray and brush them with melted butter. Bake them in a preheated moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for about 25 minutes, or until they are golden.

Serve applestrudel warm or cold. Dust it liberally with icing sugar just before serving.

Savoury strudels offer scope for infinite variation of size, shape and filling. Spicy samosa fillings of meat or vegetables are quickly wrapped in triangular parcels made by folding strips of pastry. Bulgarian cheese pastries filled with salty feta and herbs are traditionally s-shaped. The pastry is rolled in a long, loose cylinder round the filling and curled into shape on the baking sheet.

Vegetable and herb fillings wrapped in the usual applestrudel-shaped parcels make an attractive first or main course. Try a filling of waxy potatoes, cooked and chopped, with a little leek and some lightly cooked fresh asparagus cut in short lengths. Keep the tips to decorate the dish and use the stalks in the filling.

Silence is golden, remember?

FIRST PERSON

Liz Hodgkinson

Am I the only person in the entire world who hates non-stop music being played in shops, restaurants, hotels and other public places? Sometimes I think I must be, because incessant music is now everywhere you go and nobody but me seems to be objecting.

At one time, the sound of music blaring out signalled a teenage boutique, jeans emporium or pop record shop. Those of maturer years could hasten by.

Now, it's not so simple. You can hardly escape hearing endless, mindless music, whether it's on a simple shopping trip, lunch engagement, or a visit to the doctor or dentist.

The other day, while shopping in the West End of London, my ears were assailed constantly and horribly by this new, insidious form of environmental pollution. I thought I'd get the worst over first and entered the HMV shop in Oxford Street. You might expect there to be constant, heavy, thumping, raucous sounds. If so, you would not be disappointed.

But I was less prepared to find that music jangled, admittedly at slightly lower levels, but with no more pleasant effect, in just about every other shop.

I went into Liberty's for some china: loud music accompanied my purchase. I went into Dickins and Jones, and my heart sank as I approached the second floor. There it was again, loud "jolly" music. I crossed the threshold of the high-fashion enclaves of Norma Kamali and Ralph Lauren, but was quickly driven out by the music.

I stopped at a café for lunch, hoping for a respite. But music, unlike many of the dishes, was on the menu. On my way home, I called at a local corner shop, once as silent as the grave. No longer.

The following day, I had a hair appointment: music greeted the customers, and continued to play while Mario executed a trim and blow-dry. I understand that most branches of Vidal Sassoon now have music, supposedly for the customers' benefit.

The strangest thing is, so few people even seem to notice it. When I asked my teenage sons if they objected to music in shops, they looked at me in utter amazement. No, they said, mystified that anybody should even raise the possibility.

But why is it everywhere? I put it down to the pernicious American influence. Over there, music has become, if anything, even more difficult to turn off. But as the commercially-minded Americans never do anything without a sound business reason, it's clear there must be some deep psychological significance in it all.

I think the answer is that music in shops de-individualizes people. Repetitive sound of any kind, whether it's Bach, Muzak or heavy metal, dulls or lulls the emotions and reduces, temporarily, the ability to make rational decisions. It encourages herd behaviour.

In shops it is intended, I expect, to act as a kind of audible welcome mat, to allay anxiety and lessen the pain of parting with money.

But on me, it has exactly the opposite effect. It makes me feel more agitated, conscious that it is there for manipulative purposes. Mainly though, I hate it because I can't choose not to hear it: music has become yet another aspect of the environment largely out of one's control. Is it really true that humankind cannot bear silence? I vastly prefer it – doesn't anyone else?

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From 7 to 17?

Having inspected number 7 Kent Terrace Regent's Park, as a replacement to her Flood Street home in Chelsea, Mrs Thatcher is now believed to be interested in buying number 17 on the same street. The Nash-style house, now owned by artist Bernard Stern, is being offered at £385.000 for a 60-year lease. (Mrs T got £400.000 for Flood Street). The five-storey house would be ideal for entertaining, with a huge roof garden, three reception rooms and four bedrooms. Mrs Thu Stern, whose husband is currently exhibiting in New York, said they have just spent £180.000 renovating it. "It would be an ideal retirement home for Mrs Thatcher," said Mrs Stern yesterday "especially if she wished to retain a busy social life." That, I think, we can count on.

17: new Thatcher fancy

Dear Ron . . .

What has Denis Thatcher done to offend Nancy Reagan? His name has been omitted from her invitation list issued to the spouses of 24 presidents and prime ministers to attend the White House meeting on drug abuse among the young. Perhaps Denis is well out of it: Mrs Reagan's aides are billing it as "a heart-to-heart between concerned mothers who also just happen to be first ladies".

On the move

Two years after being told to sell it and having twice been rebuked in Parliament for dilatoriness, the Foreign Office may finally dispose of the luxurious £500.000 Paris flat, off the Champs Elysées, occupied by the British ambassador's No 2. Peter Petrie, the present occupant, has just been appointed ambassador to Belgium. "Yes," a Foreign Office spokesman agreed yesterday, "it would be an ideal opportunity to put the change into effect."

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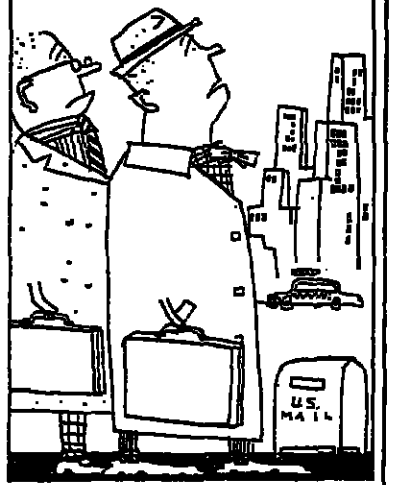

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, its Superpound

One's company

The Labour party at West Bromwich – the seat of the moderate Betty Boothroyd – is not alone in ignoring the Labour national executive's guideline that wherever possible there should be more than one candidate in constituency reselections (PHS, March 1). Middlesborough Labour party's general management committee has just agreed a shortlist of one – sitting MP Stuart Bell – despite the fact that five ward branches and various unions had nominated one Pat Muddyman. Bell, Northern Ireland spokesman and former PPS to Roy Hattersley, refused to comment yesterday. Ms Muddyman did. The guideline had been "blatantly ignored," she said. "It's disgraceful. . . It makes a mockery of the reselection process."

● **The organizers have discreetly changed the title of this weekend's Tribune rally in Glasgow at which Ron Todd, victor of the hotly disputed election for TGWU general secretary, is to speak. *Peace, Jobs and Ballots* has become *How the Left Can Win*. In the circumstances, hardly an improvement.**

Fullings

With the increased dental charges, £10 a ticket seems a mere nothing to attend a mass meeting in London on May 4 starring "miracle dental healer" Willard Fuller. "Through prayer and laying on of hands phenomenal healings take place," say his promoters. "Cavities are filled; old fillings become new; new teeth grow; dentures are tightened." Fuller's technique is simple – "he gently smacks the person on both cheeks at the same time and says 'in the name of Jesus, be thou whole.'" Already 200 have coughed up the £10; 300 more can be seated at the Conway Hall. The NHS is unlikely to be impressed. Far from having any dental training, Fuller is an ex-Baptist minister turned electrical engineer.

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Middle East: Reagan keep out

by Fouad Ajami

Washington

Arabs and Israelis are ready for peace, it is said by many in the United States and in the Middle East. The missing ingredient, they argue, is an American role, an American peace plan. Dire consequences are predicted, for the region and for American interests there, if the Reagan administration fails to embark on an active Middle Eastern policy.

But the promise is a mirage, the dire consequences an empty threat. A terrible kind of balance prevails in the Middle East, a balance of contending forces, a stability that emerges out of fatigue and exhaustion.

In the last few years Muslim fundamentalism tried to overturn the place and to bring about a reign of virtue and terror, but its drive stalled along the Iraqi border, and today that movement is a spent force. The Israeli right also made a bid to remake the region, only to discover the limits of military power and the hidden reservoirs of resistance.

Palestinian leaders persisted in their uneven fight with Israel and tried all means except the one that might have worked – a direct dialogue with Israel. Today, they find themselves at a dead end, without the illusory hope of the armed struggle. Even Shi'ite radicalism, the newest force in the region, has had its moment of delusion: it laid claim to Beirut, only to find it had inherited a city in ruins.

Men in the Middle East have learned, we are told. The moderate Arabs are both emboldened and desperate, it is said. A moderate and cautious Israeli presides over his country. Jordan and the PLO have put aside their enmity. This time, we are assured, Yassir Arafat will not walk away from the promises he makes.

A bubble floats over the region, but it is just that. And nothing is as sure to burst that bubble as a dramatic US re-entry.

Consider the weak reeds on which President Reagan is being asked to base a new policy. The custodians of the Egyptian state have been among the principal lobbyists for an active American policy. The Egyptian leaders wish to reinsert themselves into the politics of the Fertile Crescent and the Gulf. They promise to be by Reagan's side, and they encourage him with talk of a moderate Arab coalition that would presumably sustain an American initiative – a coalition comprising Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and the PLO.

But Egypt is no longer a power in the Fertile Crescent or a party to the question of Palestine. Its resources are taxed to the limit. For Egypt, the threat and the challenge are at home, and Washington should not indulge the Egyptians' tendency to try to escape from a bleak domestic scene into a world of make-believe diplomacy.

If an American push into the region created an aggrieved Muslim radicalism, the Egyptian regime would scurry for cover. The risk is obvious – that the US will commit enough resources to jeopardize its friends and allies, to put them to risks they need not take, but not enough to achieve its wider objectives.

Jordan and the PLO reached a vague accord in February that would presumably make it easier for Jordan to enter into negotiations with Israel over the West Bank. But there is no way Palestinian leaders can give the Jordanian monarch the kind of warrant that would enable him to start on a hazardous diplomatic course.

What can be relied upon with great certainty is the opposition of the formidable Syrian state to any American initiative that would preclude it. It is the Syrians who must be faced. Americans faced them before in Lebanon, and should know that they are determined opponents.

The Syrians know they have little to gain from any diplomatic settlement in the making now. There is no way Washington could press the fragile Israeli cabinet to make concessions on the Golan Heights as well as the West Bank.

The American interests that matter in the Middle East – the substantial interests in the Gulf, in particular, cannot be secured with half-baked diplomatic schemes. These interests have been secured in the past because the people and states in the Gulf have shared America's commitment to them, and because Saudi Arabia and the smaller Gulf states have skilfully withstood the chaos around them.

For a year now, the US has stayed out of trouble in the Middle East, and the region has survived. It is doubtful if the consequences of a new activism would be so benign.

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As CBS shareholders meet, Trevor Fishlock reports on the US media battle

Will bias be set by the highest bidder?

New York

The Black Rock has remained impregnable. The threats of the attackers have been beaten off. CBS, largest and richest prize in the American communications industry, will review its defences at its annual meeting today, having outgunned the buccaneer, the gambler and the prophet of doom. But the buccaneer, television entrepreneur Ted Turner, is still circling and trying to raise the money for a take-over.

CBS runs the country's largest television network and is the world's largest producer of recorded music as well as being a substantial publishing business. It had revenues of nearly $5 billion last year. For the past four months it has been the centre of take-over talk on Wall Street and elsewhere and, from its dark-glass headquarters in Manhattan, known as the Black Rock, it has mounted a skilled defence.

The take-over talk started, rather bizarrely, when the strongly conservative Senator Jesse Helms, spokesman for the right-wing group Fairness in Media, called on conservatives to take over CBS and put an end to what he called its "liberal bias".

In direct-mail appeals soliciting contributions, and a telephone campaign in which the voice of the North Carolina senator has gone into tens of thousands of homes, Fairness in Media and Helms called on people to buy stock in CBS and "end biased reporting".

They were thus offered the prospect of becoming Dan Rather's boss. Rather is the middle-aged presenter of the high-impact CBS evening news and has long been a source of annoyance to hardline conservatives, who remember the tough manner in which he used to cross-examine President Nixon at press conferences.

The campaign run by Helms and Fairness in Media may seem quixotic – a take-over proposed for political rather than business reasons – but Helms and many people like him on the American right have long held a grudge against the media.

The press became part of conservative demonology during the years of social turmoil which encompassed the civil-rights struggle and the Vietnam war. Conservatives saw the press as part of an essential weakness in American society, the liberal, dissident, critical, unpatriotic, neurotic East Coast strain.

Nixon fastened on to public hostility to radicals and anti-war protesters with his 1969 "silent majority" speech. His coarse-cut myrmidon, Spiro Agnew, followed up, in what he himself called the politics of polarization, with his notorious attacks on the critics of the government. He railed against the "effete corps of impudent snobs who characterize themselves as intellectuals" and the "unelected elite . . . the small group of anchormen, commentators and executive producers who settle upon the 20 minutes or so of film and commentary that is to reach the public".

During the Vietnam war, when many Americans felt the job of the media was to support the government, and during the unravelling of the Watergate scandal, the media became a component of controversial and tormenting events as well as the reporter of them.

Many people thought it grew arrogant and too adversarial during those years. In military and conservative circles resentment smouldered over the reporting of Vietnam. The journalists were felt to have contributed to defeat. This bitterness helped to fuel General William Westmoreland's recent libel action against CBS. He and his supporters looked not only to a soldier's honour but to a public reassessment of the war.

The media had a certain comeuppance when the Americans invaded Grenada in 1983. News organizations were barred from the early stages and left to complain about the abuse of their historic rights. The public, as it turned out, was strongly on the side of the military commanders.

Although the campaign of Helms and Fairness in Media is unusual, in the present climate CBS has taken it seriously. For one thing, Helms's direct-mail and other fundraising systems give him considerable clout. He has been supported by the billionaire and strongly conservative Hunt brothers of Texas, and he is supported by the National Congressional Club, one of the country's largest political action groups.

CBS starts from a strong position against any take-over bid. It is reckoned that it would cost at least $4.5 billion to buy it. And in recent weeks it has strengthened its defences and made pre-emptive moves against would-be attackers.

It hit Fairness in Media with a lawsuit charging that it has broken laws, supports anti-black causes and raises money to further partisan political views. It closed a company bylaw loophole to keep the group out and has secured $1.5 billion credit to fatten itself and make it harder to buy.

In another lawsuit, it has accused Ivan Boesky, a stock speculator who has bought 8.7 per cent of CBS for $247 million, of breaking securities laws.

The other hostile figure widely reported to have an interest in CBS is Ted Turner, aged 46, who started in his family's small advertising business, has made his fortune in television and runs a 24-hour news channel, Cable News Network. He sailed the America's Cup winner in 1977 and for his flamboyance was dubbed Captain Outrageous.

Turner has had talks with Fairness in Media. He said in a speech to the National Conservative Foundation last year that television networks needed to be put in the hands "of people who care about the country". CBS does not believe he can raise enough money for a take-over, however.

Although conservative voices have never been stronger in opinion pages than they are today, Senator Helms says news operations are run by people who "if they do not hate American virtues, certainly have a smug contempt for American ideals and principles". Fairness in Media complains that "we win the election but lose the battle afterwards because of the media". It is a son-of-Agnew echo of an old and continuing quarrel.

So rare a gentleman: a belated honour

William Camden, the Elizabethan historian, cannot be accused of understatement. Writing of Sir Philip Sidney he called him "the greatest glory of his family, the great hope of mankind, the most lively pattern of virtue, and the glory of the world".

Sidney has always inspired eulogy. Doubtless more will be lavished today when a memorial to the poet, soldier, courtier and diplomat is unveiled by the Queen Mother at St Paul's.

Strikingly good-looking, he was a courtier to the first Queen Elizabeth and charmed Europe on diplomatic missions; his sonnets were to influence Shakespeare; and Sidney fulfilled his romantic destiny by dying from wounds received on a foreign field when only 32.

An earlier memorial, in wood, was lost when St Paul's was destroyed in the Great Fire. The new one has been long overdue: £10,000 was raised by Lord De L'Isle (Sidney's lineal descendant), Shrewsbury (his school), Christ Church (his Oxford college), Gray's Inn and The Grocers Company (of which he was a member) and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (founded by his aunt).

Obviously St Paul's it has to be. After Sidney fell in 1586, fighting the Spanish at Zutphen in Holland, his funeral at St Paul's was one of the most impressive London has ever seen.

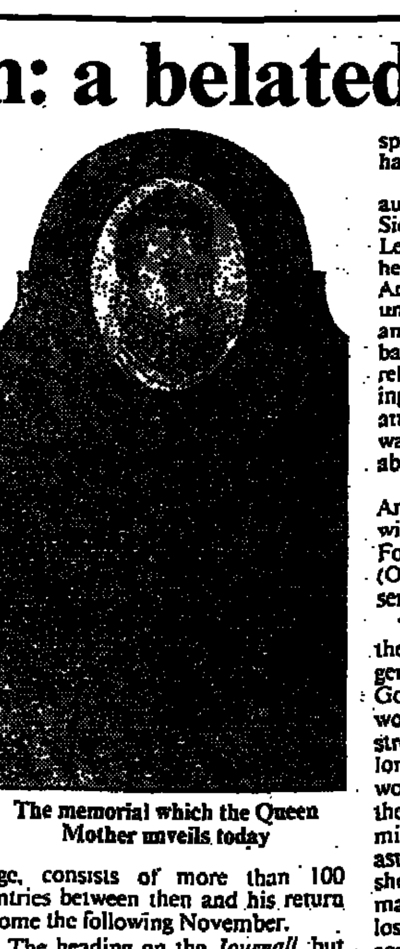
By the time of his death he was already famous; subsequent immortality has been assured by his admirers. To the poet Spenser he was "that most heroic spirit". Shelley described him as a "a spirit without spot". Popular histories have endlessly repeated the story of how, before going into his final battle, Sidney threw away two thigh pieces so that he should not be better armed than the veteran Sir William Pelham at his side.

That fatally quixotic gesture was matched by another legendary incident, first described many years after his death in the biography written by his friend Sir Fulke Greville: Sidney, riding wounded from the battlefield, handed his water bottle to a wounded private soldier, saying: "Thy necessity is yet greater than mine."

Today I am able to add a small tithe to this harvest of praise as a result of a discovery made among the Yelverton manuscripts in the British Museum. In a contemporary diary I came across a moving tribute by someone who served with him. Seemingly it has escaped detailed notice for four centuries.

Only three journals of the Low Countries campaign are previously known to have existed (and two of these only fragmentary); so it was with considerable excitement that I began to turn the pages of the *Journall of My Lord of Leicester with* (indecipherable) *att our first being in Holland.*

Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, who was Sidney's uncle, was commander-in-chief of the English army sent to the Low Countries in December 1585. The diary, written by a member of Leicester's entourage, consists of more than 100 entries between then and his return home the following November.



The memorial which the Queen Mother unveils today

The heading on the *Journall*, but not the diary itself, is in the hand of Robert Beale, Clerk to Elizabeth's Privy Council, tempting me to wonder if it may in part be a secret government intelligence report about the Earl of Leicester.

Although "dearest Robin" was the Queen's much-loved favourite, he had incurred her displeasure by accepting almost sovereign dignity from the Dutch. Leicester may well have been under surveillance by her spymaster, Mr Secretary Walsingham, who was Beale's superior.

After months of scattered fighting, autumn brought the battle in which Sidney died. On September 8 Leicester decided to attack Spanish-held Zutphen, 13 miles from Arnhem, and after a fortnight's unsuccessful siege ordered a dawn ambush of the Duke of Parma's baggage train, part of a force sent to relieve the town. Sidney, commanding a company of horse, was in the attack when, the diarist records, he was "shot with a musket a little above the knee, the bone broken".

He was carried by barge to Arnhem where he was nursed by his wife. But the wound turned septic. Four weeks later the *Journall* (October 17) consists of one long sentence:

"This afternoon about two a clock the most virtuous and honourable gentleman, Sir Philip Sidney, Lord Governor of Flushing, being clean worn away with weakness (all strength of nature failing to continue longer life in him) departed in wonderful perfect memory even to the last gasp; and in so Godly a mind as they that were present stood astonished, in doubt whether they should receive great comfort of the manner of his death or grief for the loss of so rare a gentleman and so accomplished with all the kind virtue and true nobility as few ages have ever brought forth his equal; and the very hope of our age seemeth to be utterly extinguished in him."

Those words, surely one of the most beautiful epitaphs ever written, are unlikely to be bettered by anything we shall hear spoken at St Paul's today.

Felix Barker

Correction

The last sentence of the interview with Mr Uri Lubrani, published yesterday, should have read: "But there was no responsible Shiite leadership capable or bold enough to risk such a dialogue, even though there had been pressure from Shiites in south Lebanon for talks to take place."

Jack Straw

Not just a matter of class

Should socialists travel first class, eat smoked salmon (or write for *The Times*)?

Before the advent of the 125 on lines to the north and west, it was *almost* possible to get into a first-class railway compartment by accident, and stay there, at least until the ticket collector arrived. No such mistakes are now credible. InterCity (Southern Region excepted) has adopted its own rule of class – first at one end, second at the other. They are separated by the *cordon sanitaire* of the restaurant and buffet car.

The platforms of every major station in the north and west where Labour conferences are held have large notices to reinforce the rule: "First class only beyond this point". As the conferences end and delegates flee, these notices become the focus for an "I will if you will" soft shoe shuffle – though, in practice, the doubts are generally assuaged by the knowledge that second class is full, and the guilt – it usually being a wet Sunday afternoon – by the fact that the comfort of first class can be enjoyed for only an extra pound.

As for me? I observe the performances with all the detachment and disdain that only those provided with free tickets can possibly affect.

But the question is of more than trivial entertainment. Whether it is possible for socialists to be ideologically *and* materially comfortable at the same time has not been sufficiently addressed by the left in Britain.

The fact that there is such indecision and heart searching on railway stations across the land illustrates the degree to which the left has so often been on the ideological defensive. The hesitancy is of long standing. Aneurin Bevan, who certainly enjoyed the good life, was, according to his biographer, Michael Foot, described by Brendan Bracken, one of his improbable companions at Beaverbrook's table, as "just a Bollinger Bolshevik". The jibe was more durable than Bevan's reply – which was to ask why he should not enjoy good wine, and to deride Bracken for providing "lower-class Bolshevik Bollinger".

Margaret Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, in their prime a decade ago, made enormous headway with their charge that Labour practised the politics of envy: or rather, with two or three houses to the names of many Labour ministers, preached the politics of envy while practising the politics of hypocrisy. The charge stung; Labour was never able to play back with conviction the obvious trump card – that the Thatcherite Conservatives wished to practise the politics of greed.

At the heart of the dilemma about whether to travel first or second class by train lies the difficult and tantalising issue of equality. The concept is central to the very notion of socialism, but it admits of such confusion and parody that, in the absence of rigorous definition, it has been easy to lampoon the idea as, at best, the product of soft-headed utopians, more usually that of dishonest knaves.

At its crudest, the argument against equality is that it would lead to a drab uniformity which would fly in the face of biological fact and human experience. This charge has a simple answer. People are indeed different. However, by reducing socially imposed differences – of wealth, income, environment, and education – the true diversity of our people, and their individuality, could greatly be increased. There is no greater nor more drab uniformity then among those who are poor and without work: nor more diversity in a society which values the skills and contribution of each individual equally, however different that contribution may be, which sees no man as an island.

But what about the first-class carriages, the second homes? There are some goods whose value depends not only upon their intrinsic physical merit (the comfort of the seats for example), but crucially upon the fact that not everyone can enjoy them: whose value, in Fred Hirsch's phrase (in *Social Limits to Growth*) is determined not only by their material scarcity but by *social scarcity* too.

Would the Bollinger have tasted quite as delicious had it come free with the welfare milk and the cod liver oil? How can those who aspire to principles of equality enjoy, with a clear conscience, such goods which, by definition, are available only to a few.

There is first an important distinction to be made between those socially scarce goods, the purchase of which buys enjoyment only, and those which buy privilege over others. The supping of Bollinger does no one else any harm. But the use of money power to jump the queue for a hospital bed or to buy access to educational opportunities does unfairly disadvantage others.

Second, our answer depends on whether we see equality as an absolute or relative idea. Equality as a political idea cannot be about sameness or about arithmetical identities: no society has ever existed on an *absolute* equality of income or wealth. It is idle to pretend that one ever could. But societies have operated, do operate, and could operate much more happily than ours with greater *relative* equality. As Alan Ryan asserts in his new book, *Property and Political Theory*, it is not "misfortune which maddens us, but injustice".

Some comfort themselves by believing that what most worry about is not those with incomes ten times their own but those who earn incomes ten per cent more for the same work. It is not a view I share. The new right asserts that the rich will work harder only if they are made richer (through "incentives" and tax reductions), while the poor will work only if they are made poorer (through wage cuts): and that the poor are not only the victims of unemployment but the cause.

Split values like this are not only morally offensive but deeply corrosive of the common ties which should bind a society. Reducing these great disparities, adopting policies for maximun as well as minimum incomes and holdings of wealth would not only meet people's sense of justice but make for greater efficiency of our society too.

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moreover. . . Miles Kington

Sighs on the dotted line

I suppose it is everyone's ambition to discover a new law of science and have it named after him. From there to the Nobel Prize, or at least a brief appearance on *Tomorrow's World*, is but a short step. And yet I can testify that it is not so, for several years ago I discovered an entirely new law governing the natural world and I have languished in obscurity, science-wise, ever since. Today I intend to have one last go.

The discovery is enshrined as Kington's Law of Perforation, and it goes as follows: "If you puncture a piece of paper with a line of small holes, that line of holes becomes the strongest part of the paper."

To test this, there is no need to buy a piece of paper and perforate it. There are already many pieces of perforated paper lying around your house. Take your cheque book, for instance. Each cheque is perforated at the left-hand end so that you can easily tear it out. But what happens in practice? You lay your left hand very heavily on the counterfoils. You stress the cheque so that all the pressure comes at the line of holes. You carefully pull it down the line of holes, and very often it comes off.

Why do you go to all the trouble of molly-coddling this line of holes? Because you know very well that if you just tore at the cheque, it would tear in half. It would *not* be severed at the perforation.

The same is true of sheets of stamps. Supposedly the stamps should separate along the holes. Then why do we always bend the sheet first, both ways? Why do we weaken these so-called weak holes? Why do we take immense care to nurse the separation process stamp by stamp? I will tell you why. Because if we just trusted to the perforation, we would tear the Queen's head in half right down the sheet.

Even so, have you noticed how many stamps on envelopes have a small part of the adjoining stamp still attached to them? Of course you have.

This is because of Kington's Law of Perforation.

Why does your heart sink when you read on an application form or a free offer: "Simply tear along the perforation and send off the coupon"? Because you know that there is nothing simple about it at all and that you would be better off getting a pair of scissors and cutting the damn thing off before it tears in half.

I hate to bring the subject of lavatory paper into a normally discreet column, but to a scientist everything is important. How often – and be honest here – how often have you sat on a lavatory seat, given the end of the lavatory paper a sharp tug *and seen the whole roll billow out across the floor*, accelerating as it went? That is because you trusted, mistakenly, in the idea that the perforation would give way.

(The way in which the paper accelerates, by the way, suggests another undiscovered natural law. How can paper accelerate? I have sometimes been sitting quietly in the lavatory, getting on with Proust, when the roll has spontaneously started to descend to the floor in those familiar, spontaneous billows. But I digress.)

The clinching bit of proof, if proof were needed, can be found in boxes of paper tissues. These boxes, whether man-size, woman-size or even tissue-size, have a perforated panel on top which has to be removed before you can sink a grateful nose into the top peach-coloured rectangle. I must have removed hundreds of these panels in my life. I cannot remember more than two or three which came away from the box easily: almost invariably it either brings half the box with it, or you break a finger-nail trying to effect entry into the row of punctured holes. I have seen grown men sobbing as they attacked boxes of tissues with kitchen knives, corkscrews and old ex-Heseltine bayonet blades.

This is because perforation is stronger than the surrounding paper.

If you do not believe me, try this simple experiment. Puncture the dotted line below this paragraph and then try to tear the coupon off

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Yes, you are right! I have just made a complete hash of trying to tear this coupon off! My copy of The Times *is now a mess and I have torn right across what looked quite an interesting letter on the opposite page!*

Please send me details of a small gadget with which I can defeat the menace of perforation. I enclose a blank cheque for £50.

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PARTY GAMES

Since the "cantonal" elections a month ago (equivalent to our county council elections) France has entered a period in which political life will be entirely dominated by the general election due next March. One might expect that this would mean a political debate dominated by the Socialist government's record and by the alternative policies which the opposition is offering. But what we are actually hearing, so far, is a debate about the electoral system to be used, and a closely related one about the constitutional implications of the present government's defeat – which seems to be taken for granted almost as much by its supporters as by its opponents.

The present electoral system – single-member constituencies, two ballots – gave the Socialist party an overall majority in the present parliament, based on a popular vote of 38 per cent on the first ballot supplemented by transfers from other candidates (mainly Communists) in many constituencies on the second ballot. It was a very convenient result for the Socialist, inasmuch as it has enabled them to carry on governing without much upset after losing the support of the Communists last year. But they knew they has virtually no chance of repeating it. (Their popular vote was down to 21 per cent in the European election last June and back up only to 25 per cent in last month's cantonals; the transfer of Communist votes on the second ballot is getting less reliable; and there are fewer Communist votes to transfer anyway.)

The Socialists were also theoretically committed to the view that their outright victory in 1981 was wrong in principle, since one of the planks in M Mitterrand's election platform had been to introduce proportional representation. This was a commitment which his party had adopted in opposition, partly under pressure from the Communists who have always advocated a proportional system and partly on grounds of principle – to ensure fair representation of public opinion. But M Mitterrand personally had been a vigorous critic of PR in the days of the Fourth Republic, and it was alleged that his private views had not changed. Until two weeks ago he was widely expected to introduce only a small "dose" of proportionality into the existing system.

M Mitterrand, however, specializes in the unexpected. His government has come forward with a plan for a fully proportional system, tempered only by being confined to the relatively small *départements* (equivalent to English counties) with no transfer of votes across boundaries, and by a five-per-cent qualifying threshold – which is of little significance since few *départements* are big enough for a candidate with less than five per cent to have any chance of election anyway.

Voting will be for party lists, with no room for independent candidatures and no chance for voters to vary the placing of candidates on the list, which will be entirely at the discretion of the party. (It is interesting that in all the furious debate over electoral systems in France the two systems that no one proposes are the one presently used in Britain – single-member constituencies with only one ballot – and the one favoured by almost all British advocates of electoral reform, namely the single transferable vote.)

This system is virtually certain to be used next March, much as the opposition and some members of the Socialist party dislike it, because Socialist dissidents are not likely to push their opposition to the point of causing the bill to be defeated in the National Assembly, and though the Senate may resort to obstruction it is unlikely to be backed by anything like the mass movement that forced M Mitterrand to back down over the church school bill last year. The issue is one which arouses passionate feelings among politicians but is liable to baffle the ordinary voter.

In fact even the politicians have great difficulty in predicting with any certainty what the effect of the new system will be. Confining proportionality within the *département* is likely to discourage splinter parties and to penalise even relatively small parties such as the Communists on the left and the National Front on the right (though both will inevitably get some seats in the more urban *départements* with large populations). The system is by no means certain to deny an overall majority to the present opposition parties – Gaullist and Giscardian – which last week agreed to "govern together and only together". If it does so, the balance seems likely to be held by the National Front rather than by any small centre party which M Mitterrand might hope to woo into a "third force" or centre-left coalition.

The opposition really only needs to keep calm and united. But that seems precisely what it is incapable of doing. M Raymond Barre so much fears the seductive powers of M Mitterrand that he has felt constrained to announce at this early juncture that he would not support any government that agrees to "cohabit" with him. So doing, he helps to create those very divisions that he fears M Mitterrand will exploit.

It is almost as if M Mitterrand had already abandoned his own party and decided to concentrate on putting himself in a position where he can choose a conservative prime minister rather than have one forced upon him. That leaves the Socialist party in a very odd position. It is proposing an electoral system which rules out one-party government and makes coalitions essential. Yet it seems itself to have run out of potential coalition partners whether to right or left. Those who think of voting for it next March may well wonder for what sort of government they would be voting.

A GRAB-BAG FOR EDUCATION

As a statement of political philosophy, Labour's charter for pupils and parents is a grab-bag of conflicting tenets. It pits socialism – the aspiration of a group or class – against the individualism it hopes will motivate pupils to succeed. By encouraging parental choice of schooling it wheels on that great enemy of collectivism, the family. It hails standards but has not a word to say about discipline (both intellectual and classroom). It is all for equality, including that great leveller-down of mixed ability teaching, but wants state schooling of a quality to tempt back middle income parents, too.

Such contradictions, it should quickly be said, often crop up in documents about education; indeed parallel inconsistencies were on show in the Government's own recent white paper on schools. Perhaps there is something heartening, too, about Labour's pillaging of the general store of platitudes about education: it shows how hard Mr Kinnock is trying to pull his party into the non-sectarian centre. Kinnockism may be philosophically confused but it has a clear eye for the gallery of politics. Compared with previous Labour efforts, this is a miracle of presentational clarity. It addresses itself straight to parents and their discontents and makes telling use of recent, critical reports by Her Majesty's Inspectors. On the troubling issue of educational liberty, there is only a brief, almost embarrassed reference to private schools.

Kinnockism is about reconstructing Labour's electoral appeal. In this document it seeks to make a national appeal to all parents while bending the knee at Labour's academic shrines – comprehensive education as a salve for social wounds, the disinterestedness of the National Union of Teachers, the superior needs of racial minorities. Hard issues like power within the education system are ignored. Mr Kinnock's provenance as a centralizer who would see the Department of Education take an aggressive role in the finance and administration of the schools is hushed up. On the crying need for better management in this decade of falling school numbers there is nothing.

This document has a larger flaw. This is a programme without a context, policy recommendations uninformed by any vision of Britain's future economy or society. It establishes no connection with Labour's educational revisionism of the 1970s. Yet there, in the "great debate" inaugurated by Mr Callaghan, was a dawning realization that the secondary schools of England and Wales had been reorganized at great expense and with much destruction and had acquired a school system dangerously disconnected both in its values and its curriculum from the nation's economy, its means of earning a living in the world. Neither academic like the grammar schools nor technical, nor internally geared towards vocations, the comprehensive schools occupy a no man's land of vague social aspiration.

The task of educational reform of the 1980s – a task for the Opposition as much as for Mrs Thatcher's government – is to reinsert those schools within the processes of economic change, and so to offer their pupils better opportunity to make a livelihood. This document talks of preparing children to be more "caring", more "compassionate" – ambitions parallel to Labour's focus on distribution of the fruits of economic activity. But caring comes expensive; and distribution demands a product. Labour, it seems, is still not prepared to lift its gaze to the primacy of economic regeneration before confronting the hard task of shaping social policies to fit.

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With royal families heredity is of the essence. The antecedents of persons who marry into them are of concern to the families themselves and are a matter of public interest in both senses of the expression, even as they fan out through the pages of the *Almanach de Gotha*. The disclosure about the Nazi past of the father of Princess Michael of Kent is a legitimate disclosure, even though it must embarrass the Queen and sorely embarrass the Princess.

The manner of the disclosure is quite another matter. The *Daily Mirror*, which has the distinction of having first revealed the story in print, cries scandal and points the finger of accusation (and that from a paper which refuses to reveal the details of its ownership, which is just a numbered bank account in Lichtenstein). A "bloody disgrace" it announces in the beery language affected on these occasions. It dismisses as "unbelievable" the statement by the Queen's press secretary that Princess Michael was ignorant of her father's membership of the SS in Nazi Germany. Yet its own reporter writes that Baron Günter von Reibnitz carried the secret to his grave, which suggests that he for one finds it impossible to believe in the Princess's veracity.

Her father had been deemed to be unfit to remain within the SS (to his credit) even before she was born. Her parents separated and became divorced while she was still a small child. Except for one extended visit to him when she was eighteen, her father was a virtual stranger to her. There is no necessity at all to disbelieve her when she says she did not know this now published fact about her father's Nazi connections.

In judging her, it is not the fact or degree of her father's involvement that counts, or even her previous ignorance or knowledge of it, but her own moral attitude to the Nazi phenomenon. To impute some kind of hereditary taint that unfits her for public duty is to come dangerously close to the Nazis' own imputation against the race they persecuted.

There will be some who would shun her patronage after this disclosure. They are entitled to act upon their feelings in that way, even if the grounds of their action are questionable. For the rest Princess Michael of Kent, as the wife of the Queen's first cousin (who has renounced his place in line of succession to the throne by reason of his wife's Roman Catholicism), has an uninterrupted public role to play as a decorative, diligent and minor member of the royal family. She deserves the public's support in that small role at an exceptionally trying time.

Teachers' time

From Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly

Sir, I do not dissent from Mr Hepworth's view (April 6) that he is underpaid as only the chief education officer can say how well he fulfils his responsibilities.

But it is possible to dissent, strongly, from his assertion that only in the teaching profession is one expected to perform a multiplicity of roles. A serviceman, from leading rate (corporal) to the very top, has to be a teacher, a leader, often a welfare officer, a PR and an R & D man, a supervisor constantly encouraging subordinates, an administrator and even, like me, a plumber.

For this his country pays him a salary tied to no set hours (social or otherwise), to a requirement that takes him for long periods away from home and family (I had 17 homes in my first 26 years), and sometimes the chance of four to six weeks' leave, during which he is liable to instant recall. And, as Mrs Beeson (also April 6) rightly suggests, there are many others in the same boat.

LOUIS Le BAILLY,
St Tudy,
Bodmin, Cornwall.
April 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Training and jobs in dubious tandem

From the Principal of Halesowen College

Sir, Philip Howard's splendid mock-Platonic dialogue (April 13) identifies precisely the dangers of much current thinking on education and training.

Attempts to improve industrial performance by providing more and more job-related training may well prove self-defeating, because jobs and the skills needed are changing continuously. Adaptability and attitudes are more important than particular skills.

There are also wider reasons why the current emphasis on training for the majority is hazardous. Education only for the golden minority will accentuate divisions between people; and a divided people can neither work together effectively nor provide the rational participation in affairs necessary for the health of democracy. And, perhaps most important of all, to deprive the majority, in the name of training, of an education for self-fulfillment and sensitivity through the expressive arts is both unjust and unwise.

Tertiary colleges are comprehensive sixteen-plus institutions combining technical and academic provision. They are ideally placed to provide exactly the sort of education needed by our young people, who will have to cope with greater challenges and greater changes than ever before. No doubt that is one reason why they are so popular.

Yet the Government has embarked on policies that seem designed to prevent these colleges from achieving their most valuable goals. A division has just been introduced into the control and financing of courses in our colleges, with responsibility for vocational courses, the so-called non-advanced further education, being taken over by the Manpower Services Commission. The effect is to revive the distinction between academic and vocational, between education and training, between the theoretical and the applicable, which tertiary colleges have been successfully blurring.

More and more students in this and other colleges are taking courses that cross these irrelevant and harmful barriers. There is a great danger that this work will be undone by policies that spring from the essentially undemocratic educational philosophy currently in vogue and which is so beautifully exposed by Mr Howard.

Yours faithfully,
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West Midlands.
April 15.

Disputed hedge

From Mr D. H. King

Sir, As the owner of the hedge referred to in the recent article (April 10) and letter (April 1) in *The Times*, I should like to make the following points.

Firstly, this particular hedgerow has neither been torn down nor has it been ripped out. It has been cut back and if left it will, with sensible management, make a very good hedge in the future. On the advice of the National Farmers Union I have requested the Norfolk County Council to make a full report to me regarding the best method of achieving this with the environmental aspect very much in mind.

I am in no way against conservation and only last year I planted the following trees – 71 oak, 63 ash, 63 lime, 63 sweet chestnut, 54 gean, 24 rowan, 60 hazel, 66 Scots pine, 43 crab apple and 29 alder, plus 493 assorted shrubs of guelder rose, dogwood and hawthorn. Furthermore I have already planned to plant more trees and repair more hedgerows during next year. Within the last three years I have carried out maintenance work on 3.520 yards of boundary ditch without destroying a single hedge.

I am well aware of my responsibilities with regard to the countryside and as far as I can see the only way forward is one of understanding and compromise. It is certainly not by way of the abusive and non-constructive letters of the type I have been subjected to.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. KING,
Necton Farms Ltd.,
Mona Farm,
Necton,
Swaffham, Norfolk.
April 15.

Faith and uncertainty

From Mr B. Inchcomb

Sir, Like all logical argument, Dr Cameron's onslaught (April 12) on the Archbishop of York's position rests on an assumption, in this case that Christian faith is essentially the acceptance of a set of intellectual propositions, fixed for all time, rather than commitment to a way of life as the invitation, "Follow me", seems to imply.

He rightly insists on the historical basis of our faith, but then assumes that we must *all* necessarily agree on the precise details of what happened.

It is recorded that the followers of Jesus were first called Christians at Antioch (Acts 11: 26). Should this title now be denied them because they had not heard of the doctrines Dr Cameron says are indispensable?

Yours faithfully,
B. INCHCOMB,
61 Montagu Gardens,
Wallington,
Surrey.
April 13.

In Monday's leading article on human rights, a quotation dealing with peace policy, which stated that one which divides the world into good and evil "is not a policy of peace even if its moral judgements are correct" was wrongly attributed to the President of West Germany. It was in fact made by the President's brother, Professor Carl-Friedrich von Weizsacker.

'Manipulation' of union rank and file

From Mr Ken Daly

Sir, Your leader "Question of ballots" (April 11) is right to expose the scope for manipulation which is not just inherent but traditional in work-place ballots.

But while cruder manipulations of the TGWU genre, not to speak of the many other variations on that theme ignored by the Department of Employment when it drafted the Trade Union Act of 1984, merit exposure, the run up to the ballots on the political levy is already posing many more questions.

Firstly, large sums of money, columns of editorial in union newspapers, and officials' time are being lavished on a massive campaign to persuade rank and file trade union members to maintain their political funds. The Conservative Party, the Alliance and the Nationalist parties do not have the same access to members' funds, so, in money and resource terms, the levy campaign is a one-horse race. To add insult to injury, these activities are a charge on unions' general funds and not their political funds.

Secondly, the Labour activists who currently control most union presidencies and general-secretaryships, are denying other parties equivalent space in their union newspapers. In addition to pro-levy plugs, most editorial copy is directed against the Government in a biased and blinkered fashion, which would be unacceptable in normal journalism.

Thirdly, the union establishment are blatantly seeking a band-wagon effect. They are scheduling the ballots to start with those unions where they hope to get yes votes, and then to use those successes to persuade hoverers to join the club.

In my own union, ASTMS (Association of Scientific, Technical and Management Staffs) the procedure is interesting. A column headed "Why we need our political fund", which appeared in various versions of the union's journal, made no mention of the union's current affiliation to the Labour Party nor of the fact that membership of the Parliamentary Committee is limited to Labour MPs, peers and MEPs. Many Tory MPs have offered to serve on the ASTMS political committee but have been spurned (ludicrous in an era of Tory government), while David Owen was expelled when he formed the SDP.

ASTMS started the campaign with a postcard test of members' opinion. The card, which members were asked to complete, once again did not mention the link with Labour. It was distributed with the union journal, many of which are delivered in batches via branch meetings. Already cases have been reported of branch members collecting 50 or 100 newspapers at a time and then filling in and returning the pre-paid cards.

This test is not the ballot proper but, according to the union, the early returns show a majority in favour. This in itself is strange as, according to the amount of money paid into the political fund over the last five years, less than 15 per cent of ASTMS members pay the levy.

Yours faithfully,
KEN DALY,
The Old School House,
Aisholt,
Spaxton,
Bridgwater,
Somerset.
April 14.

From the Director of Aims of Industry

Sir, Your reports on the alleged ballot-rigging in last year's election for the general secretaryship of the TGWU (Transport and General Workers Union) make it clear that the Government did not go far enough in its legislation and should have made the secret postal ballot compulsory rather than desirable. Even then, by failing to introduce independent scrutineers on the lines of the EETPU (Electrical Electronic Telecommunications and Plumbing Union) trade union ballots are still left wide open to abuse and corruption.

It is because of the media that the TGWU case has really come to public light. Last year I received what looked like a well-documented paper on the alleged ballot-rigging, but in the end I did not publish it because of its likelihood of revealing its author.

Mr Moss Evans may think it "very sad" that the winner of the election, Mr Ron Todd, "has been subjected to all this". It is very late in the day for Mr Moss Evans to speak out. The trade union movement, labour correspondents, and other interested observers, have been discussing this matter for some time.

As I have pointed out to the Government several times, putting the onus on some unfortunate trade unionist to morally, financially and legally take on the might of a massive union is unfair. Balloting should be subject to the secret postal ballot, independent scrutineers and central registers from the word go. Then we would avoid charges of this kind.

Yours faithfully,
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April 15.

Mrs Thatcher abroad

From Mr Michael Bailey

Sir, The Prime Minister's assertion in her interview with *The Standara* (which you quoted extensively in *The Times*, April 11) that "I can't find jobs for everyone and no government can . . ." is hardly consistent with the views she expressed publicly in the mid 70s.

Even then she ignored the tradition of not criticizing the country abroad. Indeed, even though unemployment in Britain was a mere 800,000, Mrs Thatcher told the National Press Club in Washington, in 1975:

> We have, to a more intense degree than many other countries, a combination of rising prices, falling output and *unemployment* [my italics]. And we have a sense of losing our way. The problem is not a technical one. It is one of the life and death of the national spirit. We are in the midst of a struggle for human dignity.

Ten years later we are still in the midst of that struggle; but, with four million jobless, the fight for human dignity has become increasingly frantic.

However, the principal question to emerge from *The Standard* interview is that, if Mrs Thatcher cannot even make a dent in the record mass-unemployment which her own administration has largely created, how could she sensibly expect the Labour government in 1975 to reduce an unemployment figure which was already minuscule?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BAILEY,
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Dursley, Gloucestershire.
April 14.

From Mr Peter Tripp

Sir, In September, 1976, Mrs Thatcher told Mr Lee Kuan Yew, on her first meeting with him in Singapore after becoming Leader of the Conservative Party, just what was wrong with Britain and how she proposed to put it right when she came to power. Mr Lee was impressed.

Now, in 1985, Mrs Thatcher has told her ASEAN hosts how she is tackling the accumulated problems of this country.

This can hardly have harmed our interests in ASEAN. Quite the contrary.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TRIPP (High Commissioner to Singapore, 1974-78),
Tan-Y-Ffridd,
Llanfechain,
Powys.
April 15.

Tax on tapes

From Mr Philip Simpson

Sir, Reservations there may be about some aspects of the Green Paper on audio and visual recording (feature, March 30) and the levies it suggests, but the Government has at last confronted one difficult issue and offered a clear solution.

For years teachers have been under pressure to teach about television in schools but have been effectively prevented from so doing by copyright laws which prohibit the recording of almost all television programmes for use in the classroom.

The Green Paper proposes to solve this dilemma by permitting off-air recording for educational purposes, compensating rights holders from money raised through the 5 per cent levy on blank video cassettes.

Many teachers and parents will not regard this as a high price to pay if sustained and systematic education about television is a consequence of this arrangement. They, too, should make their views plain to the Department of Trade and Industry before the end of April.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP SIMPSON,
Head of Education,
British Film Institute,
81 Dean Street, W1.
April 2.

Piccadilly Circus

From Sir Harold Harding

Sir, On this appropriate date (April 1) your Architecture Correspondent in Spectrum writes: "1928: Charles Holden's underground station reopens." Actually the complex tunnelling work carried out from January, 1926, to December, 1928, was conceived, designed and supervised by Sir Harley H. Dalrymple-Hay, FICE, as consulting engineer to the then London Electric Railway Co with John Mowlem & Co as contractors.

I should know. I was employed by them to carry out every inch of the survey and setting-out work for this labyrinth, including tunnelling out the booking hall and passages under the road concrete without stopping the traffic, all from Eros island.

I well remember the charming Charles Holden appearing in the last six months to devise his successful scheme to make a stark necessity visually appealing. The old saying to define the difference between similar meanings helps to define responsibilities: "If a civil engineer tries to do an architect's work the result is horrifying. If an architect tries to do an engineer's work the result is terrifying."

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD HARDING,
37 Monmouth Street,
Topsham, Exeter, Devon.
April 1.

Fiscal franchise

From Mr Hugh Firth

Sir, Your leader today (April 10) refers to the Prime Minister's supposed preference for a poll tax to replace the rates. The principle behind this dissatisfaction with the present rating system appears to be that there should be "no representation without taxation".

Whence comes this notion that electoral representation should be linked to taxation? What will the next step be?

One is left wondering why the Adam Smith Institute and the Prime Minister do not proceed straight to advocating a policy whereby those on supplementary benefit, and others who pay little or no tax, do not get the privilege of the vote?

Yours sincerely,
HUGH FIRTH,
38 Jesmond Park Court,
Newcastle on Tyne.
April 10.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 17 1871

After the victory of Germany in the Franco-German war of 1870-71, the Emperor Napoleon III was deposed. In France a National Assembly was elected which sat at Versailles. Its monarchist composition was anathema to revolutionary elements in Paris and with the support of most of the population in the city, a Commune was proclaimed on March 18, declaring Paris to be a free city, recognizing no government. Troops from Versailles besieged the Commune for six weeks during which time many thousands of Parisians were killed before the city fell. Paris itself suffered irrevocably for the Communards destroyed a number of fine historic buildings.

THE CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

VERSAILLES, APRIL 14.

Last evening the troops succeeded in taking an important position from the Insurgents.

Since Saturday last the military have occupied the Avenue Neuilly from the bridge up to the church, which is on the left hand side approaching from Courbevoie. On the opposite side, and a little farther up, is a large square house, one of the sides of which commands the Avenue down to the bridge. It was filled with Insurgents, who kept up a constant rifle fire on the soldiers at the bridge.

The troops attacked yesterday, and having succeeded in completely surrounding the house, they evetually entered it. There was a fight in every apartment, from the cellars to the lofts. The Insurgents fought desperately, but ultimately the attacking party obtained possession.

No fewer than 200 of the Insurgents were found dead, and 17 were made prisoners. The loss on the side of the military was also considerable.

In the middle of the night some engineers and troops of the line advanced from the barracks of Courbevoie to Château Becon, near Asnières. They seized a barricade there, and the engineers were proceeding to blow it up when a terrific fire was opened on them from the Château. A *chef de bataillon* was wounded, and the infantry, being young soldiers, could not be induced to continue the struggle with the ardour necessary for success. The military retired with some losses.

The Commune is entitled to claim a victory in this case.

The forces of the Government have succeeded in making available all the trenches constructed by the Prussians along the terrace of Mourdon.

They have armed them with 24 guns. Eight of these enfilade the Point du Jour, and the remaining 16 bear directly on Forts Issy and Vanvres. This is an exact repetition of the Prussian arrangement, and it is expected that with those 16 guns the two Forts will be silenced and demolished.

Yesterday afternoon I saw several shells pass over Suresnes and explode on the *glacis* of Mont Valérien. They came from the new battery erected by the Insurgents on the Trocadero. Some fell into Suresnes also. Two of them exploded in the Mairie, one killing a child five years of age and wounding its mother. A fragment of another shell struck a man, who was dangerously wounded. The road from Montretout to Mont Valérien is now under the fire of the Insurgents' artillery. Puteaux, which lies between the bridge of Neuilly and Suresnes, is not spared, though its population has furnished many recruits to the Insurgents. Shells are falling there. No doubt they are intended for Courbevoie or Mont Valérien.

At the urgent entreaty of the women of Colombes and Argenteuil the Prussian commanding officer, Sannois, has sent patrols to the neighbourhood of those villages. These poor creatures begged to see the officer, and with cries besought his protection against a band of Insurgents, whose exactions and cruelties they represented as intolerable. They said, "Our houses are pillaged, our little property is taken, and out husbands are forced away, those who refuse being killed or wounded."

Past disowned

From Mr Philip J. Stewart

Sir, The Prime Minister of Malaysia is not alone in attaching low importance to the Commonwealth. At the University of Oxford, for example, the two remaining Commonwealth institutions are this year losing their specific dedication. This institute is becoming the Oxford Forestry Institute, and the Institute for Commonwealth Studies is being taken over by a new centre for development and international studies.

All this seems to have happened without a word of public protest.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP J. STEWART,
University of Oxford,
Commonweath Forestry Institute,
South Parks Road, Oxford.
April 6.

Conditioned reflex

From Mrs C. E. Gilmour

Sir, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Sturrup (March 30) put me in mind of the time I arrived at King's Cross with children, bags and cases and coats after a journey from Edinburgh. I distributed the baggage according to the children's carrying capacity and we set off down the platform to the ticket barrier.

I blushed in confusion when I heard myself saying, "come *on*, darling" to one of our wheeled suitcases which, on a lead like a dog, had gone the wrong way round a post on the platform.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE GILMOUR,
Shenaval, Altass,
By Lairg, Sutherland.
March 31.

From Mrs Jill Pizey

Sir, On Easter Sunday morning, seeing the rear of a burglar protruding from the opened door of my car, my "conditioned reflex" was to ask "Can I help you?"

Too late, he'd helped himself!

Yours faithfully
JILL PIZEY,
Horsecombe House,
Shepherds Walk,
Bath, Avon.
April 11.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 16: The Life President of the Republic of Malawi arrived in Windsor today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle.

His Excellency arrived at Heathrow Airport, London.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, accompanied by His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Malawi and Mrs Mkona, welcomed The Life President of the Republic of Malawi on behalf of The Queen.

The Life President of the Republic of Malawi, with the Official Hostess, Miss C Tamanda Kadzamira, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, travelled by motor car to the Royal Pavilion at the Home Park (Public) Windsor.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh met His Excellency in the Royal Pavilion.

The Life President of the Republic of Malawi and the Official Hostess, accompanied by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, drove in a Carriage Procession to Windsor Castle with a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry with two Standards, found by The Blues and Royals.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs. Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy met His Excellency in the Grand Vestibule.

Gun Salutes were fired in the Home Park (Private) by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and from the Tower of London by the Honourable Artillery Company. Guards of Honour were provided at the Home Park (Public) by the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards and at Windsor Castle by the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

The Life President of the Republic of Malawi this afternoon at Windsor Castle received Addresses from the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Royal County of Berkshire and from the Mayor and Councillors of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

His Excellency, with the Official Hostess, then visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at Royal Lodge.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a State Banquet this evening in honour of The Life President of the Republic of Malawi, accompanied by the official Hostess, at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present.

The following had the honour of being invited:-

Official Suite of The Life President of the Republic of Malawi
Miss Mary Kadzamira (Private Secretary to The Life President). The Hon W. B. Deleza, MP (Minister of Transport and Communications). The Hon S. C. Hara, MP (Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism). The Hon P. Mtenje, MP (Minister of Foresty and Natural Resources). The Hon J. Z. U. Tembo (Member of National Executive Committee, Malawi Congress Party). Mr John R. Ngwiri (Secretary to The Life President and Cabinet). Mr S. M. Kakhobwe (Secretary for External Affairs). Dr H. N. Ntaba (Doctor-in-Attendance). Mr W. P. Jumbe (Chief of Protocol). Miss Anne Kananji (Protocol Officer and Personal Assistant to the Official Hostess).

Specially Attached in Attendance upon The Life President of the Republic of Malawi
The Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) and the Viscountess Boyne. Mr Henry Brind (British High Commissioner in Lilongwe) and Mrs Brind. Major Hugh Lindsay (Equerry in Waiting).

Unofficial Party of The Life President of the Republic of Malawi
Lieutenant-Colonel C. Kalumo (Aide-de-Camp).

Ambassadors and High Commissioners
His Excellency the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Malawi and Mrs Mkona. His Excellency the Italian Ambassador and Signora Cagiati. His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Zambia and Mrs Zuze. His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Zimbabwe and Mrs Murerwa.

Members of the Malawi High Commission
Mr T. J. K. Mkwamba (Counsellor) and Mrs Mkwamba. Mr J. L. C. Kanyinji (First Secretary) and Mrs Kanyinji.

The Cabinet
The Lord Chancellor and the Hon Mary Hogg. The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher. The Lord President of the Council and the Viscountess Whitelaw. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe. The Secretary of State for Scotland and the Hon Mrs George Younger.

Special Invitations
The Right Hon the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill. The Earl Marshal and the Duchess of Norfolk. Viscount and Viscountess Garmoyle. The Lord Kindersley. The Baroness Seear. The Baroness Macleod of Borve. The Lord and Lady Cledwyn of Penrhos. The Lord Chief Justice of England and the Lady Lane. The Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. The Right Hon Dr David Owen, MP and Mrs Owen. The Right Hon David Steel, MP. The Right Hon Neil Kinnnock, MP and Mrs Kinnock. Colonel the Hon Gordon and Mrs Palmer. Professor Sir James Fraser, Bt and Lady Fraser. General Sir John and Lady Stanier. Admiral Sir John and Lady Fieldhouse. Sir Glyn and Lady Jones. Sir John and Lady Herbecq. Sir Bryan Roberts. Sir Antony Acland. Lieutenant-General Sir James and the Hon Lady Wilson. His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and Mrs Ramphal. Sir Kenneth and Lady Newman. Sir Austin and Lady Bide. Major-General and Mrs James Eyre. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs Paterson. Mr and Mrs G. H. Wilson. The Right Reverend Donald and Mrs Arden. Mr George Milne. Mr and Mrs David Nicholas. Dr Alan Glyn, MP and Lady Rosula Glyn. The Mayor and Mayoress of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Mr and Mrs P. L. Brazier. Mr and Mrs Leslie Emmett. Mr Keith FitzGerald. Mr and Mrs G. F. Harris. The Chairman, Council of the Royal County of Berkshire and Mrs Morgan. Mr and Mrs Patrick Sheehy. Mr P. D. Trevor-Roper.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Caithness (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The Duke and Duchess of Kent for Australia and bade farewell to Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 16: Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 16: The Duke and Duchess of Kent left Heathrow Airport, London today to visit the State of Queensland, Australia.

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at the airport by His Excellency Mr A. R. Parsons (The High Commissioner for Australia), Mr D. J. Hilliger (Quantas Regional Director for Europe and the Middle East), Mr Alan Brown (Quantas representative), and Miss Susan Sutherland (Special Facilities Officer, British Airports Authority).

Sir Richard Buckley and Miss Sarah Partridge are in attendance.

Tea and empathy: Mr Roger de Grey, the new President of the Royal Academy, relaxing yesterday during a break in the selection of work for the academy's summer exhibition, which opens on June 1. Last year more than 15,000 works were seen by the selection committee (Photograph: Warren Harrison).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. W. Bannon, RN, and Miss S. J. Langford
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of the late Mr J. D. Bannon and Mrs M. B. Bannon, of Bitterne Park, Southampton, and Stephanie, elder daughter of Flight-Lieutenant and Mrs Roper Langford, of BFPO 109, West Germany.

Mr D. M. Dowley and Miss E. S. E. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs L. E. Dowley, of Nether Green Lodge, Great Bowdon, Leicestershire, and Emma, eldest daughter of His Honour Judge Esyr Lewis, QC, and Mrs Lewis, of South Square, Gray's Inn, London.

Mr J. S. Grant and Miss J. E. P. Greenwood
The engagement is announced between James Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs David N. W. Grant, jnr, of Baltimore, Maryland, and Joanna Elizabeth Preston, daughter of the late Mr John R. C. Greenwood and Mrs G. E. G. Nayler, of Storrs Park, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria.

Mr B. R. Haylor and Miss A. J. H. Bolton
The engagement is announced between Brian, only son of the late Mr Reginald Haylor and of Mrs Reginald Haylor, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and Athalie, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bolton, of Brook Place, Chobham, Surrey.

Mr A. L. M. O'Hare and Miss L. A. Turvey
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Ryan O'Hare, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and Linda Antoinette, daughter of Mr R. A. N. Turvey and Mrs D. S. Campbell, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr C. M. L. Osborne and Miss U. F. A. Futcher
The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs R. P. Osborne, of Newcastle, Staffordshire, and Ursula, daughter of the late Mr F. E. Futcher and of Mrs D. M. Futcher, of Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Mr A. M. Stubbs and Dr S. Whetstone
The engagement is announced between Alan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Stubbs, of Sheen, London, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Whetstone, of Matching, Hertfordshire.

Mr E. J. M. Sturges and Miss C. M. G. Egan
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Sturges, of Odiham, Hampshire, and Cristina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerard Egan, of Valbonne, France.

Mr B. C. Symondson and Miss L. E. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Bevil Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Guy Symondson, of Heathfield House, Windlesham, Surrey, and Lucy Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Douglas Anderson, of Palaia, Italy, and Mrs Guy Titley, of Linkenholt Manor, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr R. N. A. J. Tournay and Miss J. H. Readman
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Commander J. R. Tournay, RN, and Mrs Tournay, Homewood, St. Brelade, Jersey, and Jane, daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel I. R. Readman, MC, and Mrs Readman, of Glassingall, Dunblane, Perthshire.

Mr G. M. Wynter and Miss B. S. Board
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wynter, of Streatley, Bedfordshire, and Bridget, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Board, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Marriages

Major G. F. Crook, RPC and Mrs S. Haydon
The marriage took place in London on April 4 of Major G. F. Crook and Mrs Sarah Haydon.

Dr S. J. Stevenson and Miss J. V. du Mello Kenyon
The marriage took place on Easter Monday, 1985, in St David's Cathedral, Dyfed, between Dr Simon Stevenson, son of Mr and Mrs P. F. Stevenson, of Shenfield, Essex and Miss Jenifer du Mello Kenyon, younger daughter of Major and Mrs J. du Mello Kenyon, of Maes-y-Brenin, Newport, Dyfed. The Dean of St David's, the very Rev Gordon MacWilliam officiated, assisted by the Rev Graham Shaw.

Mr D. A. Rolt and Miss G. Violan Manchon
Mr David Rolt, son of Major and Mrs A. P. R. Rolt, of Lavender House, Stratford-on-Avon, and Miss Gloria Violan Manchon were married in Barcelona on March 30, 1985.

Birthdays today

Mr Lindsay Anderson, 62; Mrs S. Bandaranaike, 69; Mr Chris Barber, 55; the Rev Professor L. E. Browne, 98; Miss Clare Francis, 39; the Right Rev M. H. Harland, 89; Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, 86; the Right Rev J. Yates, 60.

Luncheons

United Newspapers plc
The chairman and directors of United Newspapers gave a luncheon yesterday at the Savoy Hotel for business associates and friends. Mr David R. Stevens welcomed the guests and Sir Gordon Brunton replied.

"35" Group
The "35" Group held a luncheon meeting yesterday at Barrington House. Sir Michael Edwardes was the speaker and Mr Ian A. Howie, chairman, presided.

Receptions

English-Speaking Union
Mr David Griffiths, Director of the Current Affairs Unit of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, was host at a reception given at Dartmouth House last night for members of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States.

Lady Mayoress of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster last night gave a reception at City Hall for members of the Central London area of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Family Association to mark the centenary of the association.

Dinners

Royal Society of Medicine
Sir John Walton, president, accompanied by Lady Walton, presided at a dinner held yesterday after a meeting of council of the Royal Society of Medicine. The guest speaker was Sir Richard Attenborough. Among the guests were:
Lady Attenborough, Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Sir James Wall, Sir John and Lady Dacie, Sir John Stallworthy and Lady Wolstenholme.

Bursar's Association of Voluntary Colleges
A dinner to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Bursars' Association of the Voluntary Colleges was held last night at the College of St Paul and St Mary, Cheltenham. Mr George Hubbard (Homerton College, Cambridge), chairman of the association, presided and the toast of the association was proposed by the principal guest, Mr Brian Godfrey.

American University, Washington, DC
Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Leigh gave a dinner last night at the Berkeley hotel for the members of the President's Circle. Sir Keith Joseph, MP, was the guest of honour and gave an address. The reply was given by Dr Richard Berendzen, President of the American University.

HCIMA
Mr Tony Speller, MP, entertained the Hotel, Catering and Institutional Management Association at dinner in the House of Commons last night. Among the guests were:
The Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Education and Science, Sir William Van Straubenzee, MP, Chairman of the Select Committee for Education Science and Arts, Baroness David, Opposition Spokesman on Education and Science in the House of Lords, and Mr Donald Macinnes, Principal Administrator of the Association of County Councils.

Institution of Chemical Engineers
The Institution of Chemical Engineers' annual dinner was held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel, the president, Professor G. S. G. Beveridge, and council welcomed as principal guests and speakers, Lord Gregson, chairman of sub-committee II on new technologies, part of the House of Lords's Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, and Mr Robert Malpas, Managing Director of British Petroleum plc.

Girls' Public Day School Trust

Summer Term for the 24 schools of the Girls' Public Day School Trust will begin next week: half term will be in the week of May 27.

Shrewsbury High School will celebrate its centenary on May 10 when Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, patron of the trust, will attend a service of thanksgiving at St Chad's Church and open the centenary building.

Miss Margaret Winfield, Headmistress of Hulme Grammar School for Girls, has been appointed Headmistress of Bath High School from September 1985, on the retirement of Miss Doris Chapman.

Mrs Valerie Bidwell, Senior Mistress of Framlingham College, has been appointed Headmistress of Norwich High School from September 1985 on the retirement of Miss Rhoda Standeven.

Sevenoaks School

The Summer Term begins today. The fourteenth annual arts festival, including 55 events, runs from June 26 to July 5.

The following awards have been made for the academic year 1985:
JUNIOR SCHOOL
Major scholarships: Alastair Dirk (Hazlewood); Timothy Moore (Amherst)
Minor scholarships: Susan Pullan (Amherst); Bruce Weir (Sevenoaks)
Exhibitions: Alexandra Charlton (Hilden Oaks); Pip Jones (Sevenoaks); Helena Wither (Green Street Green)
MIDDLE SCHOOL
Major scholarships: Richard Barltrop (Windlesham House); Charles Dunn (Manchester Grammar); Robert Park (Holmewood House); Alan Weekes (Holmewood House)
Minor scholarships: Benjamin Symes (Westbourne), John Plant (New Beacon and Sevenoaks), Saul Tubb (Hilden Grange).
Exhibitions: Ralph Haller-Trost (Uplands, Penang); Giles Tollit (Holmewood House); David Williams (Bickley Park).
SIXTH FORM
Scholarships: Giles Amos (Sevenoaks); Julia Bamforth (Walthamstow Hall); William Dawbarn (Sevenoaks); Lucy Pearson (Dauntsey's); Camilla Reeves (Sydenham Hill); Richard Waters (Sevenoaks).
Exhibitions: Jayne Adams (Bromley High); Lucy Bristow (Tonbridge Grammar); Andrew Lane (Sevenoaks); Christopher Lyon (Sevenoaks); Anand Tharmaratnam (Sevenoaks); Anne Tomlinson (Tonbridge Grammar)
SPECIALIST AWARDS
International Baccalaureate: Jacqueline Frize (Claremont), Anne Aylwin (Holy Trinity); Barbara Inglis (Cobham Hall).
Worshipful Company of Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders for all-round achievement: Lucy Guard (Hinchley Wood); Alastair Page (Solefield); Trevor Paxton (New Beacon)
Marley plc creative technology: Thomas Shelley (Orwell Park); Martin Singleton (Sevenoaks)
Music: David Lister (Downsview); Clare Pearce (Ravensbourne); Sarah White (Bristol Grammar)
Art: Rachel Gale (Dulwich, [illegible])

N Ireland gallantry awards

The Ministry of Defence has announced the fiftieth list of awards for operations in Northern Ireland.

ARMY PERSONNEL
Order of the British Empire
To be Commander of the Military Division: Brig C G Mallinson, late KOSB; Col (now Brig) J F W Wilsey, late D and D.
To be Officers of the Military Division: Lt-Col M R I Constantine, Queen's; Lt-Col I L Freer, Staffords; Lt-Col M D Hall, GM, RAOC; Lt Col N G R Hepworth, King's; Lt-Col P V Panton, Queen's; Lt Col C D Parr, Int Corps; Lt-Col I S Reid, RHF.
To be Members of the Military Division: Capt R W Barnes, D and D; Capt J M Carr, RAOC; Maj A F Gibson, RAOC; Maj A J Greenfield, Int Corps; Maj G MacDonald, RE; Maj J J E G Moon, ALC; Capt R R Richardson, UDR; Maj P R P Swanson, Queen's; Maj R W Trigger, Para; WO Class 2 B W Winter, Queen's.

British Empire Medal (Military Division)
Sgt (acting Stf Sgt) O McE Clarke, ACC; Sgt A W Coull, RAVC; Sgt R Garnell, RM P; St Sgt N J Helliwell, Queen's; Cpl E Kerr, UDR; St Sgt I Patterson, UDR; St Sgt J Willis, UDR.

Military Cross
Capt J R Cook, Staffords.

Military Medal
Cpl C K Jordon, Queen's; Cpl A K Vernon, Staffords.

The Queen's Gallantry Medal
Sgt P M Crow, Int Corps; Cpl (Actg Sgt) A W Johnson, R Hamps; Bdr P Ornsby, RA.

Mention in Despatches
Maj T Agnew, UDR; Lt-Col D A Beveridge, Queen's; Capt C D Bristow, RAEC; Maj N H L Brown, Staffords; St Sgt J Cameron, RHF; Pte Sarah Campbell, UDR; Pte (Actg L Cpl) B H J Clarke, UDR; Cpl K T Crossland-Page, Queen's; Lt-Col A F Daniell, RE; Cpl (Actg Sgt) Jean Elizabeth Darragh, UDR; Sgt (Acting St Sgt) Denise S Dawson, WRAC; WO Class 1 J Duffus, QOH.

Maj R A Farrimond, R Signals; Cpl T U Findlay, Queen's; St Sgt N Fitzpatrick, RHF; Sgt S Gander, King's Own Border; Capt T S K Galfield, Staffords; Maj M A Hart, Cheshire; Maj R L Hislop, King's; Maj J F Huskisson, Queen's; Maj R M Jackson, Queen's; WO Class I (now Lt) H Jellard, D and D; Maj (QM) A D Kenyon, RHF; Lt-Col P D King-Fretts, D and D; Lt D C Kirk, RHF; Sgt R G W Lindsay, RE; Cpl A J Lockwood, RMP; L Cpl (Actg Cpl) S J Loughlin, UDR; Maj J E Lovegrove, RAMC; Capt M R S Macrae, QOH; Cpl (acting Sgt) C C McFarland, UDR; Capt R S McKelvey, UDR; St Sgt I J A Maguire, UDR; Maj A M Mathew, RCT; Sgt (now actg St Sgt) D Moyles, Int Corps; Lt-Col D M Napier, Gordons; Lt M A D Newman, Queen's; Sgt P D Oram, 9/12 RL (posthumous); Capt N M Peckham, Queen's; Lt A R Ramsey, Queen's; Lt Col J M A Ross, Scots DG; WO Class 1 J M Ryan, Small Arms S Corps; Cpl S T Skerratt, RMP; Pte M K W Smith, Staffords; Maj J E Snape, RE; Maj D V Walsh, King's; Maj P W Welch, Int Corps; L Cpl M Windiate, UDR.

NAVAL PERSONNEL
Mention in Despatches
Leadg Airman D I Lawrence; Marine W G MacDougall, RM; Maj A M Mason, RM; Cpl C Whitmarsh, RM; Colour Sgt I J Wilkie, RM

RAF PERSONNEL
Mention in Despatches
Cpl W R Jenkinson; Gp Capt A Sollitt.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Laird Craig was christened Oliver John Gregory at Christ Church, Chelsea, on Sunday, April 14 by Prebendary Francois Piachaud. The godparents are: Mr John Faulkner, Mr Martin Sumner (for whom Sir Bruno Welby stood proxy), Mr Dominic Welby, Mr Ian Naylor, Mrs Howard Fagan, Mrs Timothy Fearon and Mrs Suzanne Holmes-Siedele.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Gilbert de Botton and **Mr Mark Aubrey Weinburg** to be Trustees of the Tate Gallery, in succession to Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC and Mr Peter Moores.

Publishers Association

The Publishers Association is to hold its biennial reception today from 5.30-8.00 pm at Skinners' Hall, Dowgate Hill, London EC4, to mark the completion of Mr Philip Attenborough's two-year term as president.

Association of Lancastrians in London

The following have been elected officers of the Association of Lancastrians in London:
President: Judge Abdela, QC; Deputy President: Lord Shuttleworth; Vice-presidents: Lord Clitheroe and Air Marshal Sir Herbert Durkin.

Memorial service

Mr J. A. H. Mitchell
A memorial service for Mr James Mitchell was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated, assisted by the Rev Andrew Henderson and the Rev H. A. Williams. Mr Charles Hebditch, Mr Alexander Mitchell, son, and Mr Julian Mitchell, brother, read the lessons and Mr Hugh Johnson gave an address. Among those present were:
Mrs Mitchell (widow), Mr Charles Mitchell and Edward Mitchell (sons), Mr and Mrs Anthony Mitchell (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs John Davison (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs Jack Davison, Miss Sarah Davison, Mr Christopher Davison, Mr Jack Davison, Mr Richard Rosen, Mr and Mrs John Tusa, Mr Andrew Davison.

Bishop Mervyn Stockwood, the Hon Simon and Mrs Stuart, the Hon Aylmer Tryon, Lady Sykes, Lady Cooper, Sir Ronald Prain, Mr William Goodhart, QC, and the Hon Mrs Goodhart, Mr Duncan Baird (managing director, Mitchell Beazley) and Mrs Baird, with Mr Jack Tresidder (deputy managing director and editorial director) and Mrs Tresidder, Mr and Mrs Tony Colty, Mr and Mrs David Hight, and Mr Peter Mead.

Mr John Cowell (Royal Horticultural Society), Professor John Hedgecoe (Royal College of Art) and Mrs Hedgecoe, the Rev Nicholas Stacey, Mr and Mrs James Fenwick, Mr James Bishop (editor, Illustrated London News), Mrs Georgina Battiscombe, Mr and Mrs J C Trewin, Mr Andre Deutsch, Mr and Mrs Bruce Marshall, His Hon Peter Stanley Price, QC, and Mrs Price, Mr Henry Brooke, QC, the Rev Robin Denniston and Mr Simon Mutton Bowie (Oxford University Press), Mr Jocelyn Stevens (rector, Royal College of Art), Mr Hilary Rubinstein, Mr John Drummond, Mr and Mrs Richard Levin, Mr and Mrs Godfrey Pilkington, the Rev Christopher Courtauld.

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Laurence G. C. Sims will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Nettlebed, on Wednesday, April 24, at 3pm.

Science report

The rebirth of an Egyptian mummy

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Human genetic material extracted from the preserved tissue of an Egyptian mummy, embalmed about 2,400 years ago, has been grown in tissue culture in the laboratory.

This reactivation of DNA is the most dramatic of a series of astonishing experiments to study evolution.

Details of the recovery of the DNA from the mummy are contained in a paper to be published tomorrow in the scientific journal, *Nature*. It is the first time that DNA, the material in the nucleus of every cell in the body that carries a complete blueprint of the genetic make-up of that individual, has been extracted from an ancient human or earlier primitive and been made to replicate itself in the laboratory.

This ability to use modern genetic engineering methods of cloning to reproduce DNA from specimens of great antiquity should have a profound imapct on archaeology and on the study of evolution.

The latest research has been done by a group working with Dr Svante Paabe, of the University of Uppsala in Sweden, in which they recovered only fragments of the genetic material from the mummy tissue. But there was enough DNA to insert into micro-organisms which multiplied and hence reproduced the ancient material in the process.

Although the cloning of the genetic message recovered from the mummy is the most spectacular achievement in the application of molecular biology and biochemical analysis to research in evolution, it is not the first time that long-dormant fragments of DNA from other animals has been reactivated.

Last year extracts of DNA were obtained from an African mammal, resembling a cross between a zebra and a horse, called a quagga. It became extinct more then a century ago but some fine museum specimens exists, from which material was obtained. The gentic molecules were replicated by Dr Allan Wilson in the laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley.

Subsequently work in the same laboratory by Dr Russell Higuchi has recovered DNA from a fragment of muscle obtained from a woolly mammouth that died more than 40,000 years ago. Experiments in cloning the DNA are in progress.

The idea of restoring an extinct animal species by cloning no longer looks such a far-fetched notion as it might have been considered a year ago. But that is not the goal of the current research. The purpose is to use the DNA as a type of evolutionary clock.

Changes in the genetic blueprint if the mammalian species occurs very gradually. Biologists calculate that about 0.4 per cent of the DNA in the cell nucleus is altered each million years.

Although the DNA forming the chromsomes in the nucleus of the cell is regarded at the vital messenger of life, there is also DNA material contained in another part of the cell called the mitochondria. The mitochondrial DNA is believed to be modified at a faster rate, with about 2 per cent of the material undergoing evolutionary change every million years.

Calculations based on the rate of change in the DNA made by scientists at Yale University produced the estimate for human-ape divergence on the evolutionary tree at about seven million years ago. Data assembled from a genetic comparison of blood substances from humans and chimpanzees were used in that analysis.

Fossil evidence put the divergence at a date more like 25 million years ago.

But one of the central questions of evolutionary research which DNA studies might eventually clarify is the true relationship between neanderthal man and modern man.

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OBITUARY

MR BARRY KAY

Stage designs for ballet

Barry Kay, the stage designer, has died in London after a short illness. He was 53.

Born in Melbourne, Kay studied music in Switzerland and art in Paris, remaining a great admirer of the brilliant generation of stage designers which included Bérard, and Clavé.

He started in his career in Britain with the Western Theatre Ballet, and went on to contribute to a wide variety of productions for the Aldeburgh Festival, the Old Vic, the Royal Shakespeare Company and others. His operatic work, includes the current production of *Die Meistersinger* at Covent Garden.

His greatest achievements however were in ballet, in collaboration with Nureyev, and Sir Kenneth MacMillan. With the former he staged a brilliant *Raymonda* still in the repertoire of the Royal Ballet, and a famous version *Don Quixote* for the Australian National Ballet, including the 1983 film version with Robert Helpmann as the Don.

Kay's finest work was undoubtedly done with the MacMillan, with whom he shared a profound musicality, and a deep interest in the irrationality of human expectations. In a series of works for the Royal Ballet, and later for Stuttgart and Berlin, Kay overcame the limitations of conventional settings by inventing three dimensional structures echoing the human structures of MacMillan's complex dance movements.

From the Shakespearean ballet, *Images of Love*, to the satirical *Solitaire*, Kay found entertaining variations on this theme. His masterpiece was *Anastasia*, originally a one-act ballet for Berlin in 1967, expanded to three acts for the Royal Ballet, in 1971. The original concept of a swirling aerial screen on which Anastasia projected her memories, was literally breathtaking.

To this inventiveness Kay added his customary elegance, and refinement, in the costumes for the Russian court. His premature death is particularly tragic days before *Anastasia* is due to have its New York debut by the American Theatre Ballet, under Baryshnikov.

SIR CLAVERING FISON

Sir Clavering Fison, chairman of Fisons, Ltd from 1929 to 1962 and Unionist Member of Parliament for the Woodbridge division of Suffolk from 1929 to 1931, died on April 13 at the age of 92.

Frank Guy Clavering Fison, was born in 1892, the elder surviving son of J. O. Fison, and educated at Charterhouse and Christ Church, Oxford. While at Oxford he played tennis for the university and had also competed at Wimbledon. He saw service in the First World War in the Suffolk Regiment as a lieutenant and as a major in the RAF. He was mentioned in despatches.

He came of a family whose leading members were both farming squires and heads of local industry. The Fisons were originally millers but moved into the fertilizer business more than a century ago. In 1929 a number of local concerns were amalgamated round the Fison company. In this move leading parts were played by Sir Clavering and his father-in-law T. L. Bland. It proved a fruitful development and led to the great expansion of the firm of Fison, now a household name.

At his death Clavering Fison was honorary life president of Fisons.

He was a Justice of the Peace for East Suffolk, High Sheriff in 1942 and appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 1958. He was knighted in 1957.

He married Evelyn Alice, elder daughter of F. L. Bland by whom he had two daughters.

DOM EDMUND JONES

John M. Todd writes:

Dom Edmund Jones was one of those in the Roman Catholic Church in England who worked, from the early 1950s, for Christian unity and a greater participation of the laity in the life of his church.

Appointed in 1953 prior of the little Benedictine community, and parish priest of the Catholic parish, at the Church of Christ the King at Cockfosters, Southgate, he soon made his church known as a centre where the parish eucharist was celebrated with a beauty and humanity which called both on his Eastern Orthodox and his Anglican experience, and attracted people from a wide range of backgrounds.

Edmund Jones, born in the Forest of Dean in 1919, entered the Society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham in his early twenties, but left to join the Roman Catholic Church. After war service in the Royal Corps of Signals, in Africa, Greece and Italy, he joined the monastery of Monte Oliveto in Italy, the mother house of the white habited Olivetan Benedictine Congregation which includes the Abbey of Bec.

He studied at Louvain where he was influenced by the Eastern Orthodox tradition observed in the double rite monastery at Chevetogne. After being ordained priest there, he was sent to England. Here he involved himself in all the growing points of the Church, including the Council of Christians and Jews, and the Vernacular Liturgy movement, and others which all pointed to the Second Vatican Council.

With the Benedictine Sisters and his monastic brethren at Cockfosters he made of his parish a centre of hospitality, counsel, and celebration. He promoted the movement founded by the French priest Paul Couturier for Christian unity, and latterly ran the journal *One in Christ*.

Later in life Dom Edmund realized a long held hope, by founding the new double community of the two monasteries of Benedictine Monks and Sisters at Turvey Abbey in Bedfordshire, inspired by the achievement of Gilbert of Sempringham in the middle ages. Lately he became more widely known as a broadcaster and for his book *Yes Lord, I believe*.

He was a gentle and wise and learned man who worked by example and persuasion.

MARION LADY BENNETT

Marion Lady Bennett, OBE, who was active in London political life from the 1940s to the 1960s, has died at the age of 89.

She was a member of the London County Council for Holborn and St Pancras South and later Chelsea; vice-chairman of the London Conservative Union, chairman of the London Area Women's Advisory Committee, and of the Women's National Advisory Committee.

After her retirement from politics in 1961, because of failing eyesight, she played a prominent part in attempting to improve Anglo-Arab relations through the Anglo-Arab Association and the Arab Women's Council.

She was married to Sir Wilfrid Bennett, Bt, the Metropolitan Magistrate, who died in 1952. There were two children of the marriage, a son and a daughter.

Law Report April 17 1985

Print-out failure

Morgan v Lee
Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Stocker
[Judgment delivered April 3]

The failure of a Lion Intoximeter 3000 device to expel the printed certificate of analysis did not necessarily entitle a police officer to demand a specimen of blood under section 8(3) (*b*) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment refusing the prosecutor's appeal from a decision of the Nuneaton Justices on June 25, 1984, when they dismissed a charge against the defendant, Derek John Lee, of failure to provide a specimen of blood contrary to section 8(7) of the 1972 Act as substituted.

Mr Marten Coates for the prosecutor; Mr John Saunders for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the defendant provided a positive roadside breath test, was arrested and taken to the police station, and there provided two specimens of breath on the Lion Intoximeter 3000.

The results of the tests were recorded by the authorized police officer as he saw them on the digital display panel of the device, but no print-out was produced since it had become entangled with something inside the machine.

The officer then declared the device was inoperative and requested the defendant to provide a specimen of blood; but the defendant refused.

His Lordship said that since the officer had inevitably observed upon the panel the result of the self-calibrating exercise performed by the device before the first and after the second specimen of breath provided, he would have been able to tell whether or not the device was operating efficiently or whether it had aborted in which event it became inoperable.

There was nothing to suggest that that device on that occasion was operating other than efficiently and that it produced upon the display panel accurate analyses of the quantity of alcohol in the defendant's breath.

A police officer could give evidence of the result of a breath test which he had seen on the display panel of the device: see *Owen v Chesters* (*The Times*, November 24, 1984; [1985] Crim LR 156).

If what was observed upon the display panel showed that the device was working satisfactorily, then the fact that the print-out was not expelled was no more than an indication that a part of the mechanism was not at the material time functioning efficiently.

The officer was clearly not entitled to ask the defendant to provide a specimen of blood since he could have informed the justices of the satisfactory results of the calibration checks and the analyses of the specimens of breath; and the defendant was not acting unlawfully when he declined to comply with the request.

The defendant should have been charged with an offence under section 6(1) – driving with excess alcohol – since, for proof of that offence, reliance could properly have been placed upon the officer's oral evidence of what he saw on the display panel.

Mr Justice Stocker agreed.

Solicitors: Cocks Lloyd & Co, Nuneaton; Varley Hibbs & Co, Leamington Spa.

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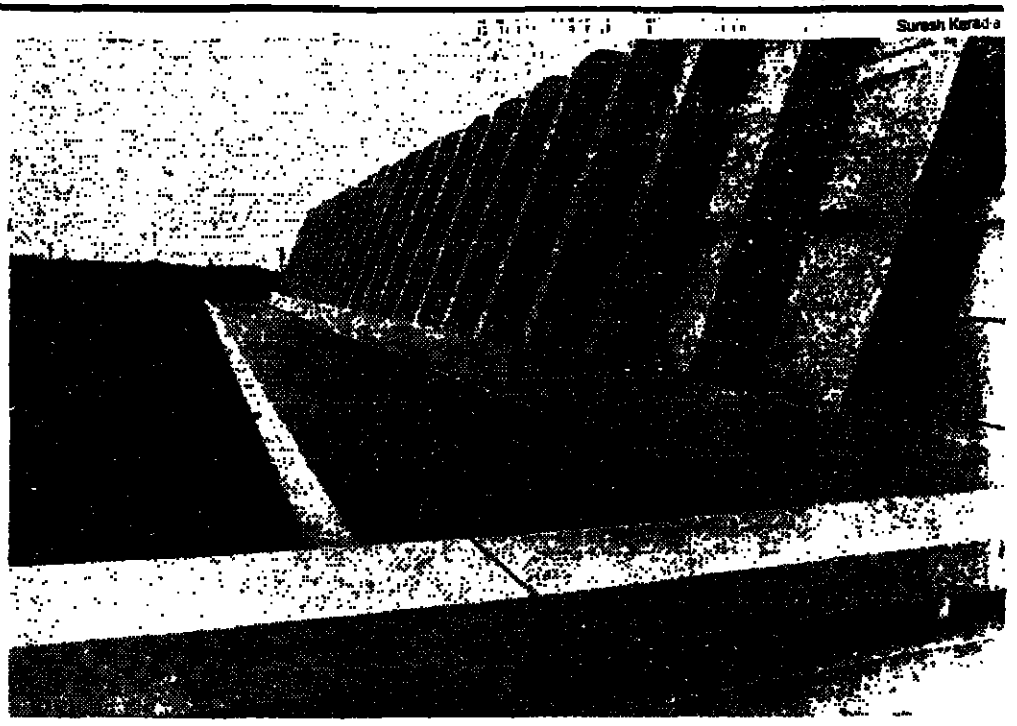
SPECIAL REPORT

SCIENCE PARKS/1

By Pearce Wright

Pioneers of the white-hot revolution

Seeing the light: Engineer Colin Payne works with laser at Napp, Cambridge



Suresh Karadia

Scientific fortress: The Napp Laboratories, complete with moat

A vice-chancellor of a university without a science park must feel an embarrassment akin to being found naked at high table. Indeed, interest in these ventures for providing a practical link between university research and learning and the development of high-tech products by industry and commerce has been stimulated further by the recent formation of the UK Science Park Association.

It is several years since Britain's two pioneers of industrial collaboration within a campus – the Cambridge Science Park launched by Trinity College and the earlier Heriot Watt University project at Edinburgh – demonstrated different routes to successful innovation.

Nevertheless, for universities still teetering on the brink, a recent report from the Technical Change Centre in London contains a note of caution. It shows that the experience of involving university with industry in some form of direct association has not been a uniformly happy one for academic bodies.

There is another reason for caution. One incentive for a vice-chancellor to be seen enthusing over science parks is a purely political one. It gives the impression that the university is determined to direct more of its effort to activities which are "industrially relevant", and that scores points in Whitehall. But the affectation can be costly.

In fact universities have been making a major contribution to industry through research and teaching for decades. No doubt the performance could be improved. Yet that could be said about the Cabinet, the Civil Service and most companies. But a notion is being spread abroad that a vast hoard of knowledge and inventions is locked up, mouldering away in universities, and its release would transform the economy. That is exaggerated nonsense.

The role which universities have played in relation to industry for years is illustrated in various ways. One yardstick provided by organizations with long-held science and engineering links with industry, such as Imperial College in London and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, is the amount of basic research funded in the university laboratory rather than in a company's own laboratory.

Funds are persistently being whittled away

The origin of science parks in the UK is attributed usually to the "white heat of technology" theme developed by Sir Harold Wilson while he was prime minister. Part of that proselytizing included a round-robin letter to universities urging their help in the creation of companies concerned with the frontiers of science and technology. The initiative was widely welcomed in the academic field, but the only organizations which translated the concept into practice at the university level were Heriot-Watt and Trinity College.

The recent surge has followed the persistent whittling away of the funds provided by the Government through the University Grants Committee and the science budget, which is allocated via the research councils. Universities have recognized the science park movement as a way of tapping other research investment. Futhermore, the development of an industrial estate for either "start-up" high technology firms or for bringing established ones into the area is an attractive idea for local authorities.

Another crucial ingredient, depending on the type of science park envisaged, is the commercial property developer with specialist experience in the type of buildings and services required by companies demanding premises for high technology operations. Some older universities are more likely to have land of their own for development whereas the younger technology institutes rely more heavily on local authority participation.

With the formation of the UK Science Parks Association, the universities almost hijacked the idea of this type of development as being the exclusive preserve for arrangements in which the academics are the prime catalysts. Indeed, the new association has drawn up its terms of reference in such a way as to exclude a great many commercial projects that think of themselves as science parks – sometimes they are called technology parks or business parks. But they all have a common factor. They are intended to stimulate new industrial centres in which innovation is the common thread to attract companies.

Interest in technology transfer from laboratory to industry is not restricted to Britain. At a conference in Berlin last month industrialists and planners from every country in the European community squeezed into a meeting entitled *Science Parks and Innovation Centres – Possible Instruments for the Regeneration of European Industry.*

The university-linked science parks in Britain are expected to have provided 2,800 new jobs by the end of this year. So any suggestion that they would be the basis for wholesale industrial regeneration is a bit optimistic, when set against the dole queue of 3,250,000.

On the Continent, where the fashion for science parks has developed more slowly than in Britain, projects have been undertaken in Germany and France. These are comparable with the Solent Business Park in South Hampshire and the Wavertree Technology Park at Liverpool – both projects with the potential to make a big impact on regional economic development.

Spawning ground for big names in technology

There are 15 parks linked to universities and the number is expected to reach 30.

The Government has introduced a Bill making it more easy legally, if not financially, for polytechnics and other colleges of higher education to sell directly the byproducts of their research and teaching. The handicap hitherto has been the lack of corporate identity attaching to polytechnics and colleges. They are extensions of the local authority which pays for them. The possibility of exploiting the expertise within the colleges for commercial gain, provided some money was first ploughed in as a priming manouevre, has figured low down on the priority list.

An exception has been the Southbank Technopark at the Elephant and Castle in London where a three-storey building housing a high technology innovation centre is near completion in a joint venture between the Polytechnic of the South Bank and Prudential Assurance.

The emergence of business and innovation centres is a more recent phenomenon than the straightforward science park on which development and manufacture of high technology products takes place. The former are designed for what have become known as "incubator" operations. They are intended as the spawning ground for the big names in technology a few years hence. What the innovation centres provide for the embryo entrepreneurs are shared administrative and financial services, and technical and managerial help.

In general, science parks are seen among institutions of higher education as a means of promoting the creation and growth of companies designing and making technical products on a site close to the university or college so that technological expertise can be transferred profitably into commercial enterprise.

In practice no two science parks are the same.

Claims that Britain does not convert its intellectual attainments into monetary returns on products sold in the market place have become received wisdom. But the argument has been won on a dubious premise.

A frequently cited measure of the brilliance of scientists in the United Kingdom is the high proportion of Nobel Prizes that they win. Without question the awards demonstrate a pinnacle of achievement, unrivalled outside the United States.

Economic growth, however, is not measured by such pinnacles. It depends on engineering which is sustained at a consistently high level, and on designs that are reproduced to a guaranteed quality whether they are for mass-produced cars, electronic consumer goods or robot machine tools. The role of universities in all this is to produce graduates who understand how to apply the technical knowledge they have gained to practical purposes. The successful companies are those which know how to employ that expertise most effectively.

One scheme helps small businesses to develop

Clearly, the needs of small firms and start-up ventures differ from those of established large companies that have their own research and development laboratories and well-honed management career schemes. This is recognized at the Merseyside Innovation Centre, formed jointly by Liverpool University, Merseyside County Council and Liverpool Polytechnic.

The innovation centre provides a base for start-up companies. Up to 300 local small firms receive technical expertise from science and engineering departments.

An unusual service provided through the centre is a scheme to help smaller firms to develop their management. It takes the form of a graduate extension project, funded by the Manpower Services Commission, which places recent but unemployed graduates with Merseyside firms.

A training programme has been tailored specifically to provide the type of general management expertise that a small company expects from an executive. The first 15 graduates from the scheme have been recruited by local firms, and another 20 are being taken on. Interestingly, these graduates come from a variety of universities but have returned home to Liverpool where they prefer to work to help in the regeneration of Merseyside.

Clearly the meaning of technology transfer is, like beauty, in the eye of the beholder. For example, Manchester University has a site close to the campus intended to attract high-tech residents or provide the type of environment in which new ones will flourish. Long before the work on the science park began, the university's own company called VUMAN (Victoria University of Manchester) was formed to channel inventions to industry.

The recent development at Surrey University, taking shape on one of the most attractively located of the science park sites, includes the Grand Metropolitan Innovation Development Centre, which will come into use within the month, and a £20 million Development and Executive Centre for BOC UK Ltd.

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Cambridge Science Park

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The park is England's first and largest academic-related project of this kind. It covers 130 acres and buildings range from 120,000 sq feet prestige headquarters to 400 sq ft starter units for small companies or to provide listening posts for larger companies.

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Pioneers of technology

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will create industries.

At Birmingham University, an institute of research and development provides accommodation for small high technology firms of two types. The first may be companies which are at present unconnected with the university but which want to work closely with individual members of academic staff or departments, or to use specialist equipment.

The second type of company will be those formed to exploit particular ideas emerging from academic research.

Birmingham makes a clear distinction between the embryo stages of innovation and development, and the development which influences established product lines. For well-established science-based companies and independent research associations which wish to be situated close to the university, or its medical school, a separate site close to the university is regarded as a more appropriate climate, away from the more intimate environment of the institute.

There are 44 universities in the UK with the potential for some form of development. The criteria they might consider were contained in recommendations in a recent report from Muir Wood called *Improving Research Links Between Higher Education and Industry*.

They were:

- The strengthening of links between industry and higher education institutes in research and its application.
- Improved accessibility to the knowledge, expertise and facilities of universities in order to enhance the capacity of industry to innovate.
- Clarification of the objectives of science parks and the means of achieving them.

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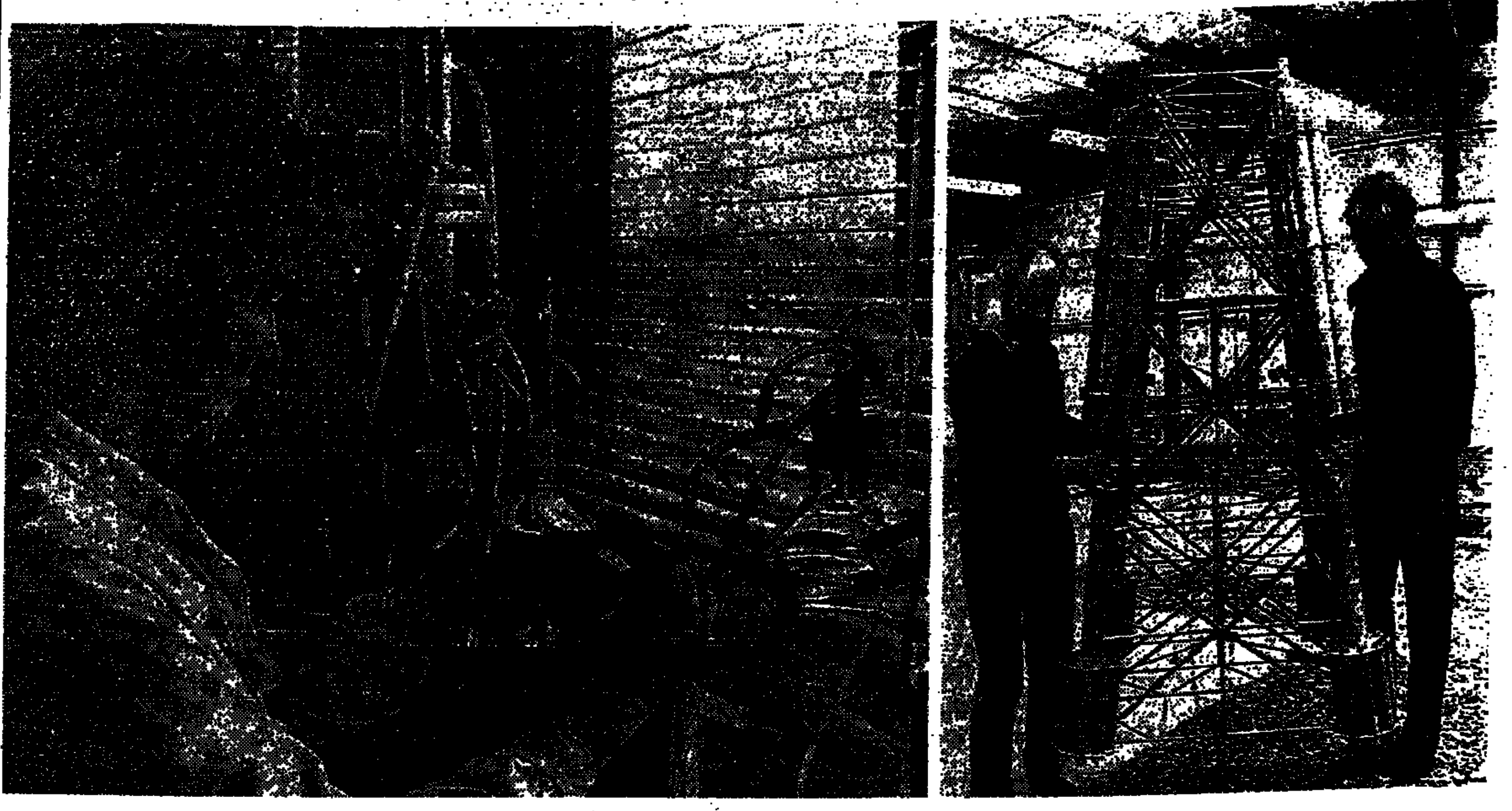


Pipes and rigs: Protein production by Fermentech, and a model oil rig at Heriott-Watt, Edinburgh

An A to Z guide to the

Among the skills needed for a successful science park is expertise in the design and services appropriate to laboratory and microcomputer work, and not needed by traditional manufacturing. Two of the organizations that have made a speciality in this field are property firms Strutt & Parker and English Estates.

Their work has embraced much larger technology park schemes in addition to those which have been inspired by the universities. Nevertheless the developments have all drawn on the experience of studying the schemes in the United States from which the science park model was obtained.

As in Britain, no two science parks in the United States are the same and they also grew for different reasons and with different objectives. The plan for the Surrey University venture drew on the particular experience of what is known as the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina. Three major American universities are within striking distance of that enterprise.

Britain has 15 university-linked science parks with tenants, and the number should rise to 30 if all plans come to fruition. Here we list some of them.

Aberystwyth

Cefn Llan science and technology park is aimed at attracting companies into the area. The link with the university is through a company created for the purpose called Abertec. It is primarily involved in arranging contract research and development and the building of prototypes for firms lacking the necessary people and facilities. Routine chemical and biochemical analytical work is also done.

The university is particularly strong in research in agricultural and biological sciences and in geological studies. The advanced equipment in the chemical and physical sciences departments are scarce commodities available to companies in the region.

Aston

The university is in the centre of Birmingham and the 22-acre site is nearby, just off the motorway network. Backers of the enterprise with a £2 million venture capital fund are the city council and Lloyds Bank. Policy for the park is to limit projects to those that need genuinely to be associated with the university, and Aston claims to be the largest dedicated to technology.

Apart from 350 academic staff who might act as consultants, the campus offers laboratory equipment and expertise available as a service. The incubator units range in size from 1,000 to 10,000 sq ft.

Bath

One of the specialities chosen by Bath is in medical engineering. Bath is developing a medical sciences centre, bringing together the activities of local hospitals and university to provide advances in the methods of patient care. The new centre is being supported by the Wolfson Foundation, which has added £250,000 to a fund of £500,000 allocated by the area health authority.

The centre will incorporate the Bath Institute of Medical Engineering, a joint venture between local industrialists and doctors begun in 1968 to develop aids for the disabled and sick.

Birmingham

A separate company formed to operate the Institute of Research and Development is offering services ranging from research collaboration with departments and access to scientific equipment, workshops and testing facilities to advice on administrative, financial and marketing matters.

Bradford

The University of Bradford was the site of the first speculative high technology development of English Estates. It is on a site called Listerhills and was the first of a number of planned schemes by English Estates at a total cost of £12 million.

The Bradford science park was occupied by its first tenant two years ago, and building has started on an extension. In addition to loans, guarantees, equity, investment capital and wage subsidies available through Bradford City Council, the West Yorkshire Enterprise Board and West Yorkshire County Council, encouragement is provided in the form of discretionary research and development grants.

These grants provide 50 per cent of the cost of any research carried out by the university, up to a maximum of £10,000, which leads to the creation of a product or service based in the city.

Bradford University Software Services is an example of the "spin-off formation" for which the grant is intended.

Brunel

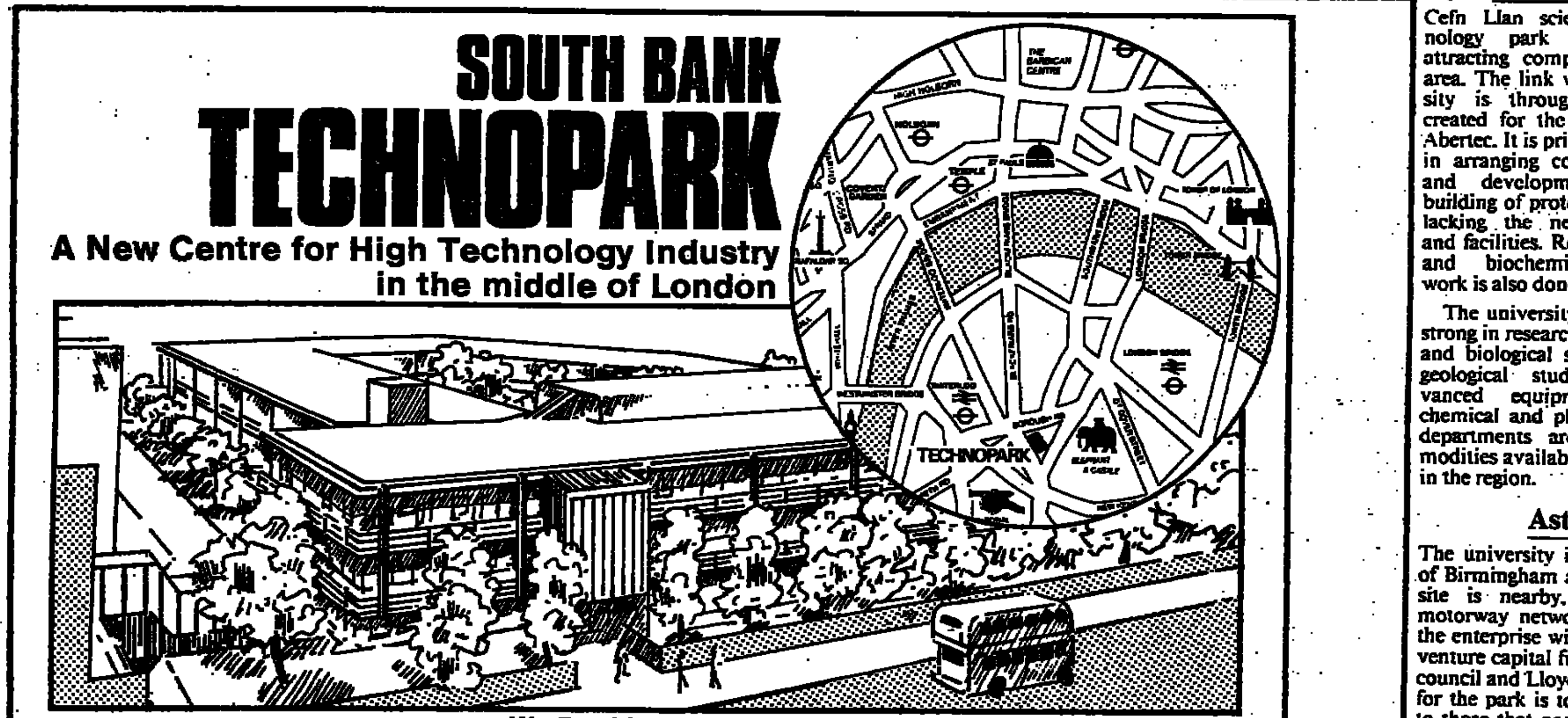
The science park which is planned for incorporation into an area of the campus at Uxbridge, Middlesex, is in an early stage of development. Brunel has a special expertise in materials science and has achieved collaboration between teams working on polymer, metallurgy and in physics that has produced machinery for making and testing novel substances for engineering components.

Cambridge

The best known science park in Britain is the Cambridge Science Park. It has provided 1,500 new jobs so far and has been a catalyst to the wider development of high technology businesses in the area. The initiative for this scheme began with the report of a group led by Sir Nevil Mott, when he was Cavendish Professor of Experimental Physics, after the note sent to universities by Harold Wilson in 1966.

The report recommended the need for a moderate expansion of science-based industries close to the city to take advantage of the technical expertise in the university. The report was picked up by Trinity College, which had land it wanted to develop near the city boundary.

Laser-Scan laboratories were the first to move in. Those who followed included Napp Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company which has created more than 300 jobs in hi-tech work. There are 10 computer companies and nine in the biochemical and medical field.



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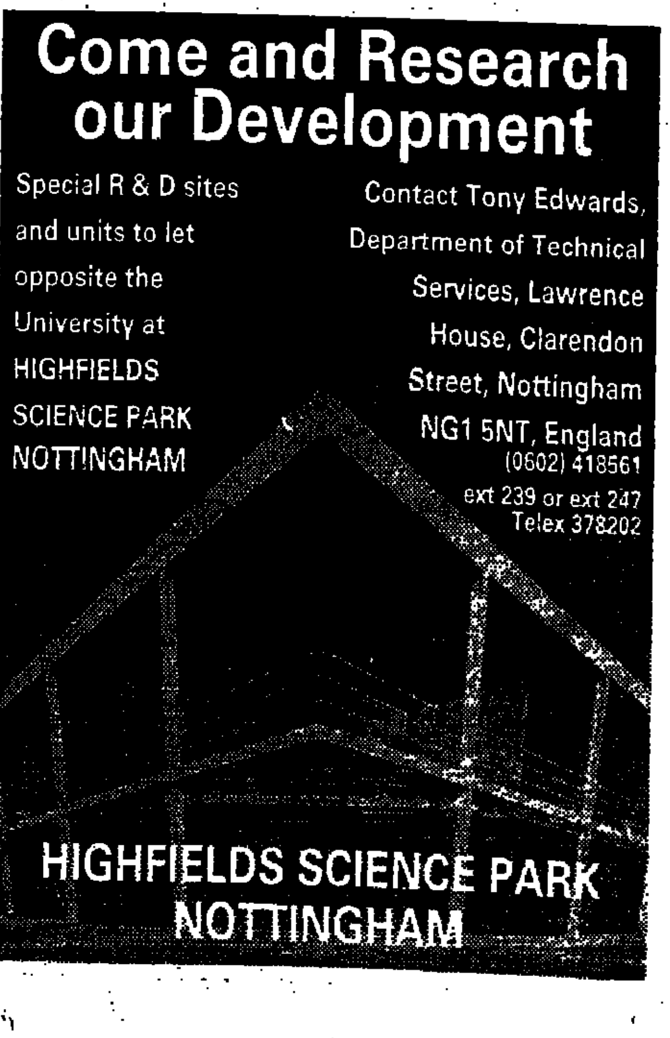

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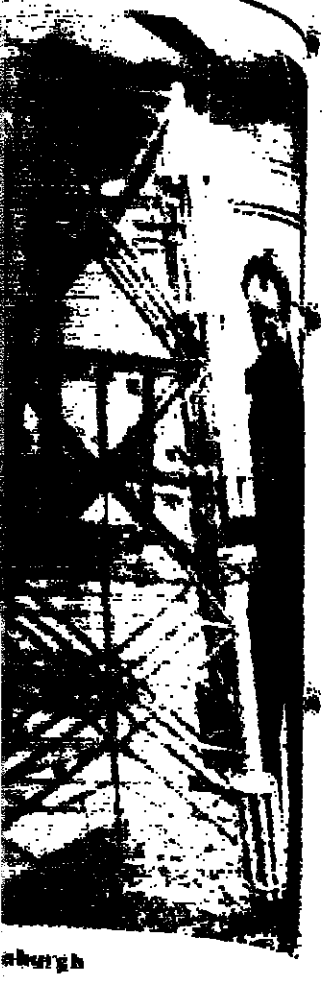

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Testing, testing: Tablet packing and analytical work at Napp labs, Cambridge

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Durham

Construction has started on a 40,000 sq ft two-storey group of buildings on the campus at Durham University to house a newly formed University Materials Science Centre and other research-oriented companies seeking links with the university. The materials centre is a specialist research facility drawing on the university's expertise in physics, electronics and materials.

Essex

The university is considering proposals for a park to bring small research and development companies on to the 200-acre campus at Wivenhoe Park outside Colchester. The university also runs an annual research and technology exhibition called EXPO, at which more than 600 companies are expected this year.

The purpose is to show some of the industrially-related projects in progress in various departments, and to explore with scientists and engineers ways in which the university's expertise might be used.

Heriot Watt

The Riccarton science park developed on the campus at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, was not only the first to come into being in Britain, but it pioneered the idea of focusing work on research, development, design and building of prototype equipment. At the same time deliberately excluded any expansion into forms of manufacture.

Hence, the occupants of the first developed half of the 56-acre research park, whether established firms or start-ups, were those engaged in innovation which was complementary to the interests of the university and staff.

Hull

The Newlands Centre on three acres of campus at Hull is one of English Estates' science parks, supported by the local authority. It had attracted seven tenants by the end of last year. Areas of technology transfer from the university to industry include particularly the expertise in lasers, liquid crystals and electronics.

Keele

The first buildings have been completed recently for the first occupants on 19 acres of land on the campus.

Kent

A company called Kent Scientific and Industrial Products was formed to establish a link with firms interested in using the university's contract research and development, consultancy and training services. A science park is being developed on the campus with Canterbury City Council. Sites will be available for companies to build their own premises with full access to the facilities of the university.

Leeds

Britain's largest civic university, at Leeds, nestles in the heart of the city hemmed in by much of the commerce and industry it serves. There is little surplus university space, and the innovation centre comprises the refurbishment and extension of two Georgian listed houses.

The hi-tech units growing at Springfield House could provide the offshoots to larger industrial businesses, but the centre itself is not intended as the place for an occupant to consider expansion. The first seven tenants are in computing and electronics. Two of them were start-ups from the university and three from within Leeds. Two others moved into the centre from the south.

Loughborough

The technology centre at Loughborough is intended to get innovators on their feet, both in terms of technical development and in obtaining a feel for the management and marketing skills that would be needed to grow. The units on campus with access to technological equipment in materials science and engineering departments are in modules of 270 sq ft upwards, designed for the type of laboratory-cum-workshop activities of the new science-based companies.

Manchester

Although the largest shareholders in the company formed to run the science park at Manchester are the university and the city council, four companies own a significant stake in the enterprise. They all have a strong presence in Manchester and are Ciba Geigy, Ferranti, Fothergill and Harvey and Granada TV. Every one of them has a 7.5 per cent holding in the science park company.

Nottingham

Computer and electronics companies figure prominently in the Highfields science park at Nottingham, as they do in virtually all the others. The site adjacent to the university campus was a Nottingham City Council initiative, costing £1 million to develop a 12-acre site.

Southampton

The first stage of the Chilworth Research Centre is near completion, bringing into operation a private limited company whose registered office is at the university. Planning permission for the centre specifies that it may be used only for scientific research associated with industrial production.

The university bought Chilworth Manor estate 20 years ago, after a request to double its student intake from 2,000 to 4,000 in the wake of the Robbins Report.

It consisted of a manor house, eight cottages, 97 acres and a modern single-storey factory building of 15,000 sq ft, which provided room for expansion on the engineering department. Twenty acres were sold for funding the science park.

The first occupant is expected to be a pharmaceutical research company.

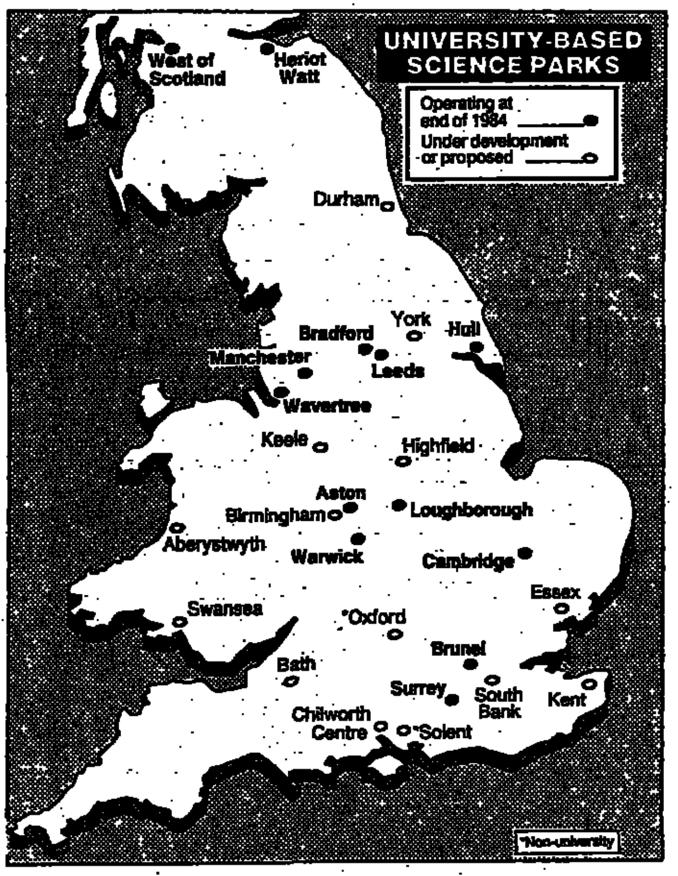
Surrey

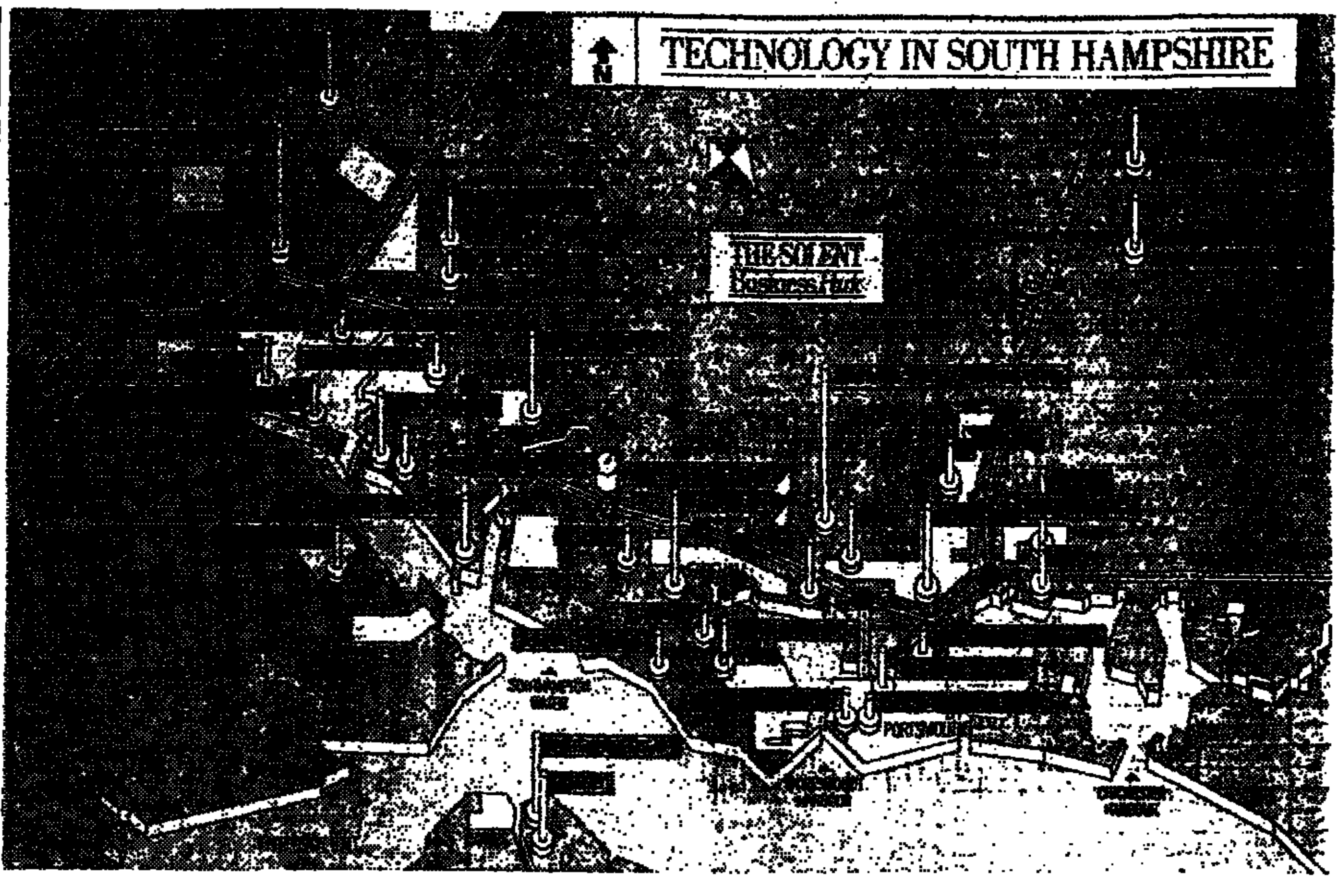
The Surrey Research Park is believed to be the largest of the university-industry ventures in Britain. The site is about one mile from the university campus on 68 acres. Every size of company is being accommodated from a £20 million development and executive centre which BOC is building to "seed-bed" units, with as little as 500 sq ft or as much as 3,000 sq ft.

Occupiers needing larger buildings will have them designed and built to requirements. The premises are for research and development purposes only. The university has invested more than £1.5 million into the enterprise.

Warwick

Launched in 1981 with backing from Barclays Bank, the Warwick science park has become a leader in robotics and the design of advanced manufacturing systems. Major companies, including Westinghouse and Computervision (a world leader in computer-aided design and computer aided manufacturing, CAD/CAM, systems), are firmly established among the occupants.





How Mr Hewlett and Mr Packard began

The seeds of the science park idea were sown 30 years ago along a thoroughfare named Route 128. It is a highway on the outskirts of Boston, in the US, along which new-technology companies began popping up in the 1950s. They were developing and making mini-computers, advanced scientific instruments, radar devices, electron microscopes, cryogenic apparatus and sophisticated equipment for the US defence and space programmes.

Many of these specialist firms were on Route 128 because of its proximity to the Massachussets Institute of Technology. They were a manifestation of what has come to be called technology transfer. In this case the transfer was a flow of people and ideas from MIT into new science-based enterprises.

On the other side of the North American continent, in California, a similar process was occurring adjacent to Stanford University. The development was given a helping hand by the university which decided to use some of its land for commercial property speculation. Two young graduates called Hewlett and Packard began development and manufacturing on the site, and can probably therefore claim to be the originators of the science-park movement.

Over the next 20 years, science parks grew up in or adjacent to the campuses of nearly 100 universities in America. However, a lot of high-technology parks were established elsewhere.

But the scale of the activities in the US is immense. The Stanford park now covers 600 acres, and it has 50 occupants and is expected to reach 100.

The area went through a second phase of expansion 10 years ago when Stanford researchers came through with the invention of the silicon microprocessor. That led to the mushrooming of hi-tech firms almost on any site that became available in a zone stretching all the way from Stanford to San Jose, creating the now more popularly known electronics resort of silicon valley.

It is these large concentrations of high technology businesses in the US that some British developers have been studying as blue-prints for major schemes in the UK. The Solent Business Park, outside Southampton just off the M27, is one such.

Another instance in which the presence of a major high technology industry can provide the magnetic for other science-based enterprises to be associated with the same site is at the Wavertree Technology Park.

The services and types of buildings planned for the Solent site are based directly on experience of studying American science and technology parks, and the demands made by US firms for this type of work. In setting out their stall, the developers have chosen a prime site in South Hampshire in an area in which a high-technology flavour has already been established by the presence of major operations by well-known names, including IBM, GEC-Marconi and Plessey.

The Wavertree Technology Park is an endeavour with a specific first target: attracting 2,000 new high-technology jobs to Liverpool. The enterprise is a Government-backed partnership between Plessey, English Estates, Liverpool City Council and Merseyside County Council.

Further north, the West of Scotland Science Park is the most recent venture of the Scottish Development Agency to foster new-technology industry. Though the two nearby universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde have no direct financial stake in the park, the development agency chose the site to give tenants ready access to the services of the two institutes.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Little tax reform, more complexity

Until the various lobbies moved into overdrive, last month's Budget was expected to take the Chancellor's drive to reform and simplify taxation several stages further. As we all know, his plans were stymied and a somewhat unconvincing Nigel Lawson was left to highlight the abolition of Development Land Tax and to dress up comparatively minor changes to capital gains tax as the thoroughgoing reform which not only failed to materialize but has now been shelved.

Yesterday's Finance Bill faithfully reflects this disappointing lack of activity. Perhaps the true valuation of its reforming worth and the price of lobby pressure comes in the Inland Revenue's estmates of the staffing implications of the comparatively modest 92 clause Bill. After the proposals, the Inland Revenue's staff requirement is estimated to increase by about 300 of what are officially known as "units" by April 1988.

Ironically, the so-called reforms associated with capital gains tax are the main cause with an extra 360 units for extension of indexation and a further 255 to counteract bond washing, which would not have been necessary if some of the suggested cgt reforms had been carried out. Lack of reform has its costs too.

Customs & Excise, with its usual lack of frankness compared with its Inland counterpart notes that the effect of the 20 clauses that pad out the Bill to enact recommendations of the Keith report on VAT enforcement "will depend on the eventual numbers of representations against the applications of penalites, interest or surcharge in particular cases and the number of appeals to the VAT tribunals".

Staffing, however, will hardly provide the main interest in these proposals to raise the power and effectiveness of the VAT men, already the most feared tax officers by small businessmen. They will note, for instance, new powers to arrest without warrant, a new requirement that records be kept for six years instead of three – really helpful to the small man this – and a proposed new clause to give revenue departments access to computer systems. The new plans, it should be said, have been watered down following representations to draft proposals issued late last year.

Perhaps the most important changes, however, concern the transfer of many offences from the criminal to the civil code, to be appealed initially to VAT tribunals. This sounds sensible enough in some ways. It will, however, give more initial discretion to Customs & Excise and appears to provide more scope for lawyers, another discouragement to the small man. The package contrasts oddly both with the long agonizing over expert judging of fraud cases and with the new form of the Insolvency Bill, which bends over backwards to encourage the venturer and save him from too onerous protection for the public and unsecured creditors. When Revenue law is formulated, few such considerations are allowed to intrude. The Bill's committee stage could be interesting.

Ruthless games in the high street

It is tempting, but misleading, to lump in yesterday's rights issue by Tesco with Monday's bid by Asda for MFI as all part of the retailing revolution. The case with which the three companies arranged a combined total of more than £750 million of underwriting so hard on the heels of one another certainly suggests that the City is in one of those Pavlovian moods where a merchant bank has only to say the word "retail" and the cheques seemingly write themselves.

But in fact several different games are evolving up and down the high street and around the former greyhound racing tracks which litter the outer conurbations of our leading cities. Tesco, Asda and Sainsbury are on a collision course as three of the dominant food distributors. With others such as Fine Fare, Waitrose and Presto they have bullied the manufactures into providing us with a greater range of food at increasingly affordable prices.

But the price has been huge capital investment and a ruthless attitude to profit margins. Tesco has found it hard to keep up with some of its rivals, but is now seeking the financial munitions to make a great leap forward.

Asda, meanwhile, has for several years been pursuing the ambition of being the complete out-of-town retailer, filling every room in the house from the kitchen to the loft. On the furniture front, it is taking on the likes of Harris Queensway, the furniture and carpets group which has the rest of the trade worried because of what it might do, rather than for anything it has yet done. Everyone in the trade has a wary respect for Phil Harris, the group's chairman. His diversification into electrical goods has been noted, and rumours abound that he wants to take over Debenhams.

The City likes to feel that it has the knack of picking winners, and it is at once a source of pride and regret that retailing has been one of the winning sectors of the past two decades. Pride because Britain's retailing outstrips that of virtually any other country; regret because it is a symptom of the long-term drain of talent away from manufacturing and into the service industries. In time, this pendulum will have to swing back in some measure, if we are not to be utterly at the mercy of imports. But for now, equity investors' horizons are short enough to ensure that there is a round of applause awaiting every new retailing project.

Citicorp leads the way again

Citicorp has clocked up another first with its announcement that it is planning to set up a company with NMW Computers to provide back office and dealing facilities to stockbrokers. If American experience after deregulation in May 1975 is anything to go by, Citicorp's new venture will be a resounding success. Several other players in the London market, including Hoare Govett, are considering similar ventures although it is doubtful whether there will be room for many of these clearing members.

What happened in the United States after deregulation was that as commission rates began to sink, the need to reduce overheads led many firms to dispense with their own floor dealing and settlement departments and channel this backroom business through investment houses that had specialized in it.

For small Stock Exchange firms and regional brokers who are less well capitalized there could be considerable attraction in paying a fee to a thirdparty clearing member to carry out settlement activities. It is also probable that some firms will spin off the dealing function as well, freeing themselves to concentrate on providing investment advice and carry out research.

Nor do the possibilities stop there. Citicorp is considering the possibility of the clearing member in effect franchising a range of banking services for the stockbrokers to provide to their clients. Cash management accounts for the broker themselves could be followed by loans, mortgages insurance and credit cards for the brokers to provide to their clients.

These possibilities suggest that the future for the small fry in the Stock Exchange may not be so bleak after all, for they would be able to develop into mini-financial conglomerates even without huge slugs of capital.

Tesco seeks £150m to pay for massive expansion

By Jeremy Warner

A £151 million rights issue was launched yesterday by the Tesco supermarkets group to help pay for the company's ambitious store development programme.

At the same time the group announced that estimated pretax profits for the year to February 23 rose from £67 million to £81 million on sales 16 per cent higher at just over £3 billion.

The scale of the company's planned capital spending programme took many stockbroking analysts by surprise.

Tesco said that spending this year alone was likely to exceed £200 million for the first time and might be expected to continue at that level for several years.

The group described this spending, which will mainly be on superstore development, as "a key element in our future". The company is also maintaining a high level of investment in systems and distribution, and is hoping to build a new head office and distribution centre on a 30-acre site at Welham Green in Hertfordshire.

Shareholders are being offered one new share at 222p for every five they hold. The issue was underwritten by County Bank with comparative ease, despite the huge £605 million underwriting operation in the City the day before for Associated Dairies. Tesco shares closed on the stock market just 9p lower at 250p.

Tesco's planned expenditure programme is exceptionally large even by the standards of the company's bigger competitor, J Sainsbury, which is also spending heavily on superstore development.

Mr Ralph Temple, Tesco's joint managing director, said that the idea was to add about 500,000 square feet of new selling space a year for the next several years. This would mean about 12-14 superstores a year, he said.

"We cannot at present generate enough cash flow to cope with this sort of store development programme. This rights isssue will leave us well placed to face the challenges of the future", he said.

Tesco faces severe competition for suitable superstore sites especially in the South-east where all the leading food retailing chains have similar expansion plans.

The company recently announced that it was joining forces with Marks and Spencer to develop edge-of-town shopping centres.

It conceded then that it was difficult to foresee it ever again developing a shop in the high street because of planning restrictions and customer demand for car parking facilities.

This year's new store development programme includes a superstore at Brent Park, Neasden on the North Circular Road in London, with a net selling area of 65,000 square feet. This will open in June.

Tesco saw an underlying growth in the volume of trade last year of 6 per cent and said that early indications were that "useful volume gains are continuing to be made in the current financial year."

The more central disiribution of merchandise and installation of computer-controlled distribution systems should also improve profitability this year.

A final dividend of 3.1p, raising the total for the year from 4.1p to 4.85p, is to be recommended.

Dollar falls below DM 3 then rebounds

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

The dollar dipped below three marks for the first time since last November in early trading yesterday further reducing exchange rate tensions between the Reagan Administration and European finance ministers as they gathered in Washington for the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Although the dollar rebounded after its poor start, the underlying trend was said to be weak after news of slower-than-expected industrial growth in the United States and another minor casualty in the American securities industry.

In London the pound opened strongly, rising over $1.29 and 79.6 on the sterling index, but weakened through the day, closing in London at $1.2732. The sterling index closed at 79.1, down 0.2.

The pound also lost some ground against the mark, but its gains of the past days helped interest rates down despite Bank of England caution. The three-bank inter-bank rate closed below bank base rates, at just over 12½ per cent, nourishing hopes of a further reduction.

The strength of the German currency caused tensions in the European Monetary System. There were reports of dollar purchases by the Bundesbank, taking profits on its earlier interventions and easing the strain between European currencies. The international monetary system was the subject of pre-IMF talks in Washington between representatives of the "Group of 10" major industrialized countries. The main meetings of the Interim Committee of the IMF begin today.

The Interim Committee, which includes the new US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson and other European and Third World finance ministers, will begin its discussions on the world economic outlook in confident mood.

However, the March industrial production figures for the United States, which showed a rise of only 0.3 per cent after a 0.2 per cent fall in February, confirm the view that the world's biggest economy is slowing sharply.

At an annual rate, industrial production rose only 1 per cent in the first quarter of 1985, suggesting that the "flash" estimate of only 2.1 per cent overall economic growth is far from pessimistic.

Octopus Publishing profits jump 44%

By Alison Eadie

Hamlyn: we are in a growth industry.

Octopus Publishing Group, the company founded by Mr Paul Hamlyn in 1971, yesterday announced a 44 per cent leap in 1984 pretax profits to £9.1 million on turnover also 44 per cent ahead at £53.4 million.

The November acquisition of Websters Group, the largest paperback book distributor in Britain, did not show in the figures, but has taken Octopus to annual sales above £100 million.

Mr Harlyn said: "There is little doubt that the bigger publishers are getting bigger". But he pointed out that he did not have his sights set on any other acquisitions.

The weak pound, particularly against the dollar, helped to boost exports, and sales to North America rose by 80 per cent. Octopus sells largely through the two extensive US bookstore chains Walden and Dalton. Exports accounted for 50 per cent of total sales.

The traditional outlets at home – Octopus sells specially-commissioned books to non-bookstore multiples continued to take more books. Marks and Spencer still accounts for 20 per cent of total sales, as it did in 1983.

The shares shot up to a new high at £10.70 yesterday before closing at £10.38 after profit-taking. The company is now capitalized at neary £180 million compared with £30.1 million, based on the minimum tender price of 275p, when the company was brought to the market only two years ago.

Mr Hamlyn said: "The company still had a long way to go. We are in the leisure industry, which is a growth industry, and we have been growing faster than anyone."

The joint venture with Sir Terence Conran to distribute books on modern living through Habitat Mothercare's 550 stores will have a marked impact in the current year.

Further sales from the £21 million Webster purchase are also to be expected.

Arab bank link for Sheppards

By William Kay
City Editor

Sheppards and Chase, one of the last of the bigger stockbrokers still unwed, yesterday announced that it has linked with Banque Arabe et Internationale d'Investissement of Paris, a subsidiary of the Luxembourg-based Compagnie Arabe et Interanationale d'Investissement.

CAII is owned by a consortium of Arab and western banks. The British representative is Barclays, which already has plans to take over the London stockbroking firm of de Zoete & Bevan, and the jobbers, Wedd Durlacher Mordaunt & Co.

A spokesman for Barclays said: "We have about 3 per cent of BAII and we do not influence the day-to-day management." Sumitomo of Japan and the German Dresdner Bank are also shareholders.

BAII intends to retain control of Sheppards' money broker as a seperate business. Sheppards' senior partner, Mr John Wilson, said that his firm did not intend to apply to be a gilt-edge market-maker.

"I think BAII is of a size where we will retain some independence, rather than being part of some monolithic organization," he said.

IN BRIEF

21.7% accept Alfayed bid

Shareholders in House of Fraser, the Harrods department store group, have shown a marked reluctance to accept the 400p-a-share cash offer from Alfayed Investment and Trust (UK), and the accompanying preference share offers.

Kleinwort, Benson said on behalf of the Alfayeds yesterday that acceptances had so far been received from holders of 21.7 er cent of the ordinary shares. The offer has been open since March 23 and has no formal deadline, except that the loan note alternative will not be available after May 3. A spokesman for Kleinwort said that the lack of a deadline had not helped.

18% rise

Taylor Woodrow, the international contracting, property and housing group, made taxable profits of £42.5 million in 1984, an increase of 18.3 per cent, on turnover nearly 12 per cent higher.

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Woodside 'no'

The directors of Woodside Petroleum have recommended shareholders not to sell their shares to BHP Petroleum UK and Shell UK, until an evaluation of Woodside's assets is made. BHP and Shell have made a $A666.9 million bid for Woodside.

Persimmon, the Yorkshire housebuilding group, is coming to market in a full listing offer of 4.1 million shares at 110p a share. On a 1984 profit of £2.7 million, the yield will be 6.2 per cent, and p/e ratio 8. The offer closes on Monday, and dealings begin on April 29.

Bowthorpe jump

Bowthorpe Holdings, the electrical and electronic components group, made pretax profits of £20.95 million in 1984 – an increase of 37.4 per cent – on turnover 29 per cent higher.

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BMP success

Boase Massimi Pollitt, the advertising agency, has increased pretax profits for 1984 to £2.3 million up from £1.7 million. Turnover rose from £44.1 million to £58.5 million. A final dividend of 4.5p makes 7p for the year against 5.5p last time.

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Tokyo index dives 345 points

By Cliff Feltham

Share prices on the Tokyo stock market went into the steepest dive on record yesterday as worries increased about the outlook for the Japanese economy.

A sudden wave of selling wiped more than 150 points off the index during the first hour of trading, triggering off widespread selling orders.

Brokers said there was no single reason for the nervous reaction, but pointed to the growing trade problems with the United States and Europe which caused many investors to start selling.

After falling 151 points in the first hour, the Nikkei Dow Jones index was at one time down by 405 points before staging a recovery to close at 12,207.28 – a fall of 345.45 on the day.

Bank profit up

Saudi International Bank, the consortium half-owned by the Suadi Arabian Monetary Agency, raised profits by 15 per cent to £23.3 million last year despite higher provisions

US-Italy car

Chrysler will build a sports car in Italy with Officine Alfieri Maserati and sell it in the US.

Peking 'soft loans' threaten UK trade

France yesterday signed a trade agreement based on special credit terms with China, highlighting the difficulties of British companies looking for markets abroad in the face of government hostility to "soft loans", writes Bill Johnstone, Technology correspondent.

British telecommunications companies have already faced the problem. Salesmen for System X, the British digital telephone exchange, were constantly made aware that many countries were more interested in aid than trade and that valuable contracts would be lost because of better finance.

In Peking yesterday, the French foreign trade minister, Mme Edith Cresson signed a deal which commits the French Government to the provision of "soft loans" – usually about a third of the amount needed – and the remainder at market rates. The loans are to be used largely for the purchase of French telecommuncations equipment expected to be supplied through Alcatel-Thomson.

● The European Airbus Industrie consortium, in which Britain has a 20 per cent stake, yesterday won an order from China for three A310-200 aircraft worth up to £150m, writes Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	979.5 (+2.5)
FT- A All Share	620.64 (+0.59)
FT Govt Securities	81.83 (+0.06)
FT-SE 100	1290.8 (2.3)
Bargains	26,064
Datastream USM	111.56 (+0.09)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,265.01 (−1.77)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,207.28 (−345.45)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1521.30 (+15.86)
Sydney: AO	859.0 (+1.2)
Amsterdam:	206.9 (−0.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1214.3 (+6.0)
Brussels:	
General	233.97 (−20.53)
Paris: CAC	214.8 (−4.1)
Zurich:	
SKA General	341.80 (unchanged)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $331.50 pm-$330.50
close $326.00-$326.50 (£256-£256.50)
New York: $326.55
Comex (latest)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Reardon, Sinmith "A"	13 +3
Intervis. Video	10 +2
Fobel Int	30 +4
Time Products	44 +5
Pinapple Dance	63 +7
Barratt Dev	78 +8
Vosper	251 +25
Sumrie Clothes	46 +4
Woodhead, Jonas	25 +2
Feedex Agric	28 +2
Scantronic	159 +10
Muirhead	134 +8
Booker McConnell	268 +16
FALLS:	
PCT Group	140 −33
Bowthorpe	385 −44
Humberside Eltn	11 −1
IoM Steam Packet	93 −7
Appd. Holographic	200 −15
MFI	283 −20
Assd Dairies	154 −10
Bio-Isolates	31 −2

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.2732 (−0.0025)
£: DM 3.8600 (+0.0065)
£: SwFr 3.2230 (+0.0025)
£: FFr 11.7750 (+0.019)
£: Yen 317.75 (−0.85)
£ Index: 99.7 (−0.2).
New York:
£: $1.2745
$: DM 3.0277
$ Index: 144 (unchanged).

ECU £0.580435
SDR £0.782802

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 13-12¾ %
3-month Interbank 12½–12 7/16%
3-month eligible bills 12 1/32–11 29/32 buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.50%
Federal Funds 8¼ %
3-month Treasury Bills 8.01–9.97%
Long bond 99 9/32–99 13/32 yield

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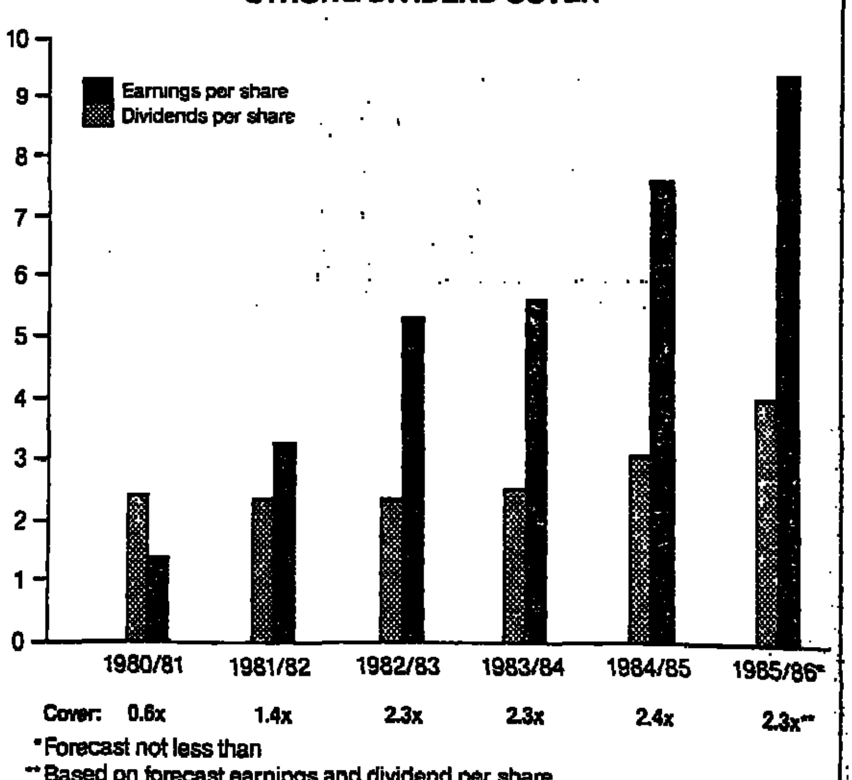
Why Shareholders Should Stick with Tootal

● Tootal has the resources, the policies, the people and the determination to maintain its profit growth and progressive dividend policy in the years ahead.

● Tootal is confidently forecasting profits before tax for 1985/86 of not less than £27 million, earnings per share of not less than 9.3p and a total dividend of not less than 4p.

GROWING EARNINGS AND DIVIDENDS PER SHARE: STRONG DIVIDEND COVER



*Forecast not less than
**Based on forecast earnings and dividend per share

Tootal Group
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Stick with us

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WALL STREET

	Apr 15	Apr 12		Apr 15	Apr 12		Apr 15	Apr 12
AMF Inc	20	20½	Fed Dept Stores	58½	55½	Philips Petrol	39⅞	39⅞
AMR	42	41½	Firestone	18⅛	18½	Polaroid	29½	29⅞
Allied Corp	42⅛	42	Fst Chicago	22⅞	23⅛	PPG Ind	37½	37⅞
Allied Stores	54⅞	55⅛	Fst Intrst Bncp	46½	48⅞	Proctor Gamble	52	52⅞
Allis Chalmers	6⅛	6¼	Fst Penn Corp	7½	7⅞	Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅞	28⅞
Alcoa	33⅞	34⅛	Ford	44⅞	43⅞	Raytheon	44⅛	45
Amax Inc	18	18	GAF Corp	32⅛	30⅞	RCA Corp	41⅞	41½
Amerada Hess	30⅛	30⅝	GTE Corp	40⅞	39⅞	Reynolds Ind	84⅞	84
Am Brands	69	68½	Gen Corp	45⅞	44⅞	Reynolds Metal	35⅞	35½
Am Broadcast	105⅞	104⅞	Gen Dynamics	68⅞	68	Rockwell Int	35⅞	35⅞
Am Can	52⅛	52⅛	Gen Electric	59½	59⅞	Royal Dutch	59	58½
Am Cyanamid	52⅜	53½	Gen Foods	62	61½	Safeways	31	31
Am Elec Power	21⅛	21⅛	Gen Mills	56⅛	56½	Sara Lee	37½	37⅞
Am Express	42⅞	42⅛	Gen Motors	73⅞	73⅞	SFE Sopac	26⅞	26⅞
Am Home	60	59⅞	Gen Pub Util NY	12⅞	12⅞	SCM	45⅛	45½
Am Motors	3⅞	3½	Genesco	5⅛	5⅛	Schlumberger	38⅞	38
Am Nat Res	64	64	Georgia Pacific	22⅛	22⅞	Scott Paper	38⅞	38⅞
Am Standard	29⅛	29⅛	Gillette	60	59⅞	Seagram	40⅞	40⅞
Am Telephone	21	21⅛	Goodrich	30⅛	30⅞	Sears Roebuck	32⅛	33⅛
Armco Steel	7⅞	7⅞	Goodyear	27	27	Shell Oil	59⅞	59⅞
Asarco	26⅞	25½	Gould Inc	24⅞	24⅛	Shell Trans	36⅞	36⅞
Ashland Oil	30⅛	30	Grace	41⅞	41⅞	Signal Co	34⅞	35
Atlntc Richfield	49⅛	48¾	Gt Atlntc & Pacific	17⅞	17⅞	Singer	35	35
Avon Products	21	21⅛	Greyhound	26⅛	26⅞	Smithkline Beck	62⅞	63⅞
Bankers Tst NY	40⅞	66⅛	Grumman Corp	25⅞	25⅞	Sony	17⅞	17⅞
Bankamerica	19⅞	19⅛	Gulf & West	35⅛	35	Sth Cal Edison	24⅞	24⅛
Bank of Boston	46⅞	45⅞	Heinz H J.	48	48⅞	Sperry Corp	49⅞	49⅞
Bank of NY	40⅞	39⅞	Hercules	32⅛	32⅞	Std Oil Indiana	61⅞	61
Beatrice Foods	30	30	Honeywell	59⅞	58⅞	Std Oil Ohio	47	47⅛
Bethlehem Steel	17⅛	17½	IC Inds	33⅛	33⅛	Sterling Drug	30⅛	30⅛
Boeing	60⅞	60⅛	Ingersoll	45⅛	45⅞	Stevens J. P.	17⅞	17⅞
Boise Cascade	39⅛	39⅞	Inland Steel	23⅞	23⅞	Sun Comp	50⅞	50
Borden	70⅞	69⅞	IBM	129⅞	128	Teledyne	243⅛	243½
Borg Warner	20⅛	20⅞	Int Harvester	9⅛	9	Tenneco	43⅞	43⅛
Bristol Myers	56⅞	56⅞	INCO	14	14	Texaco	37⅞	36⅞
BP	27⅛	26⅞	Int Paper	50⅞	50⅞	Texas East Corp	31⅞	31
Burlington Ind	25⅞	25⅞	Int Tel Tel	34⅞	34⅞	Texas Inst	110⅞	112
Burlington Nthn	51⅞	51⅞	Irving Bank	36	38	Texas Utilities	29	29
Burroughs	59⅞	59⅞	Jim Walter	33½	33½	Textron	43⅞	44⅞
Campbell Soup	69⅞	69⅛	Johnson & John	41⅞	41	TWA	32⅞	32½
Canadian Pacific	43⅛	43⅛	Kaiser Alumin	14⅞	14⅞	Travelers Corp	41⅞	42⅛
Caterpillar	32⅛	31⅞	Kerr McGee	30⅞	30⅞	TRW Inc	73⅞	72⅛
Celanese	92⅞	93⅛	Kimberly Clark	50⅞	50	UAL Inc	44⅞	44⅛
Central Sova	24	24	K Mart	32⅞	33⅛	Union Carbide	38⅞	38
Champion	21⅛	20⅞	Kroger	43⅞	42⅞	Unocal	49	48⅞
Chase Manhat	54⅛	54⅞	L T V Corp	10⅞	10⅞	Un Pacific Corp	47½	47⅞
Chem Bank NY	40⅛	39⅞	Litton	67⅞	66⅞	Uniroyal	20⅞	20⅞
Chevron	34⅛	34⅞	Lockheed	47⅛	47⅞	United Brands	14⅛	14⅞
Chrysler	37⅞	38⅛	Lucky Stores	18⅛	18⅛	US Steel	27	27⅛
Citicorp	44⅛	45	Manuf Hanover	37⅞	37	Utd Technol	39⅞	39⅛
Clark Equip	29⅞	29⅛	Manville Cp	7⅛	7	Wachovia	34⅞	33⅞
Coca Cola	69⅞	68⅞	Mapco	32⅞	32⅛	Warner Lambert	27	38⅞
Colgate	24⅛	24⅛	Marine Midland	34⅞	34	Wells Fargo	56⅞	56⅞
CBS	109	103⅞	Martin Marietta	52	52⅞	Westinghse Elec	29⅞	30⅛
Columbia Gas	30⅛	30⅞	McDonnell	76⅞	59⅞	Weyerhauser	28⅛	28⅞
Combustion Eng	32⅞	32⅛	Mead	38⅞	38⅞	Whirlpool	43⅞	43⅛
Commwlth Edison	30⅛	30	Merck	102⅞	101⅞	Woolworth	42⅞	41⅞
Cons Edison	33	32½	Minnesota Mng	78⅞	79⅛	Xerox Corp	45⅞	45
Cons Power	6⅛	6⅞	Mobil Oil	29⅛	29⅞	Zenith	21⅞	21½
Control Data	29⅛	29⅛	Monsanto	43⅞	42⅞	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Glass	35⅛	35⅞	Morgan J P.	48	48⅞	Abitibi	51⅞	51⅞
CPC Intl	42⅞	42⅛	Motorola	33⅛	33⅞	Alcan Alumin	33⅞	33⅛
Crane	34⅛	34⅛	NCR Corp	27⅞	27⅞	Algoma Steel	23⅞	23⅛
Crocker Int	25⅞	25⅛	NL Industries	11⅞	11⅞	Bell Telephone	30⅞	30⅞
Crown Zeller	44⅞	43⅞	Nabisco	58⅞	58⅞	Can Pacific	60⅞	60⅛
Dart & Kraft	90⅞	90⅞	Nat Distillers	30⅛	31	Cominco	15⅞	15⅞
Deere	28⅞	28⅞	Nat Med Ent	26⅛	27⅛	Cons Bathurst	16⅞	16⅞
Delta Air	43⅞	44⅞	Norfolk South	66⅞	66	Gulf Oil	19⅞	19⅞
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16⅞	NW Bancorp	27½	27⅛	Hawker/Sid Can	20⅞	21
Digital Equip	107⅛	107	Occidental Pet	29⅛	29⅞	Hudson Bay Mn	7⅞	7⅞
Disney	79⅛	79	Ogden	31⅞	31½	Imasco	25⅞	25½
Dow Chemical	29⅞	29⅞	Olin Corp	31	31	Imperial Oil	54⅞	54⅛
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20⅞	Owens-Illinois	44⅞	44⅞	Int Pipe	35⅞	35⅞
Duke Power	32⅛	32⅞	Pacific Gas Elec	18	18	Mass -Fergsn	2.85	2.85
Du Pont	54⅞	55	Pan Am	5⅛	5⅛	Royal Trustco	19⅛	19½
Eastern Air	8	7⅞	Penney J C	47	47	Seagram	54⅞	54⅞
Eastman Kodak	67	68	Pennzoil	48⅛	48½	Steel Co	20⅞	20½
Eaton Corp	51⅞	51⅞	Pepsico	53	53½	Thomson N. A	56⅞	57
Emerson Elect	70⅞	71⅞	Pfizer	42⅛	42⅛	Walker Hiram	29⅞	29⅞
Evans Prod	2⅛	2⅛	Phelps Dodge	20⅛	20	WCT	15⅞	15⅞
Exxon Corp	51⅛	51	Philip Morris	92⅞	93⅛			

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Prices hit by selling

New York (AP-Dow-Jones) – Share prices turned lower in early trading yesterday after selling by at least one major broker in connection with an arbitrage swap. Trading was moderately active.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.10 points at 1,266.78.

Declining issues led advances by less than 6 to 5. Traders confirmed that at least one important institution began selling stocks when the premium for stock index futures contracts narrowed sufficiently to make it attractive to buy the contracts and sell some of the underlying stocks in an arbitrage swap.

Otherwise traders reported that most interest continued to centre on takeover activity.

CBS was up 6¼ at 115½ on New York Stock Exchange composite volume of 69,000 shares on persisting speculation that Atlanta broadcaster, Mr Ted Turner, was preparing to make a bid for the company this week.

Informal general which rejected on Monday as inadequate a $25-a-share takeover proposal from Sterling Software Inc, was up 1⅞ at 23⅝. Sterling Software was up ⅛ at 7⅛ on the Amex.

In the technology sector, International Business Machines was down ¼ at 129; Data General down ⅞ at 45½; Digital Equipment down ⅛ at 107⅜; National Semiconductor down ⅛ at 11⅛ and Motorola up ⅛ at 33⅛.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	88 58	88 74	88 55	88 57	2244
Sep 84	89 30	89 30	89 10	89 12	285
Dec 84	89 40	89 40	89 22	89 26	310
Mar 86	89.34	89 34	89.23	89 21	46
Jun 86	89 24	89 24	89.24	89.21	7
Previous day's total open interest 6272					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	90 82	90 95	90.82	90 92	6438
Sep 85	90 28	90 42	90 28	90 37	1781
Dec 85	89 81	89 90	89 81	89 88	259
Mar 86	89 44	89 52	89.44	89 50	158
Jun 86	89.15	89.15	89.10	89.17	125
Previous day's total open interest 16946					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	71-02	71-12	71-00	71-09	2102
Sep 85	70-08	70-10	70-08	70-08	48
Previous day's total open interest 3102					
Long Gilt					
Jun 85	107-26	107-26	107-11	107-16	2723
Sep 85	NT			111-03	
Dec 85	NT			111-05	
Mar 86	NT			110-26	
Previous day's total open interest 3152					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 85	129 95	129.95	128.90	129.35	227
Sep 85	NT			130 00	0
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1087					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne;
Coffee, cocoa, sugar
in pounds per metric ton;
Gas-oil in US $
per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
May	720-695
Jun	730-705
July	740-715
Aug	750-725
Sep	760-735
Oct	770-745
Nov	780-755
Dec	790-765
Jan	Unquoted
July/Sept	750-725
Oct/Dec	780-755
Jan/Mch	Nil
Vol	1

SUGAR	
May	106-106.0
Aug	111 6-11 4
Oct	114.8-14.6
Dec	122.0
Mar	133 8-33.6
May	140 0-39.0
Aug	146.0-43.4

COCOA	
May	1921-20
July	1890-85
Sep	1845-44
Dec	1797-95
Mar	1799-98
May	1803-01
July	1810-1800
Vol	4027

COFFEE	
May	2053-50
Jul	2098-96
Sep	2140-36
Nov	2164-60
Jan	2165-60
Mar	2140-35
May	2120-10
Vol	169/3283

GAS OIL	
Apr	229.00-28.00
May	225.75-75.50
Jun	223 00-22.75
Jly	223 00-22.75
Aug	226.50-24.50
Sep	229.50-25 50
Oct	232.00-26 00
Nov	234.00-26.00
Dec	235 00-26 00
Vol	1019

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1198-1200
Three months	1184-85
T/O	4.375
Tone	Irregular

STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1190-1192
Three months	1190-1192
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9520-9530
Three months	9495-9500
T/O	455
Tone	Easier

TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9520-9530
Three months	9495-9500
Tone	Easier

LEAD	
Cash	312-314
Three months	309-310
T/O	7.950
Tone	Steady but quiet

ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	707-709
Three months	697-698
T/O	4.725
Tone	Irregular

ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	730-735
Three months	720-723
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER LARGE	
Cash	509-511
Three months	525-526
T/O	2
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL	
Cash	509-511
Three months	525-526
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM	
Cash	868.50-869 50
Three months	891-891.50
T/O	4.525
Tone	Steadier

NICKEL	
Cash	4255-4265
Three months	4255-4260
T/O	666
Tone	Steadier

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz
London Gold Futures were unquoted.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 16:

GB: Cattle, 95.01p per kg lw (-0.22)
GB: Sheep, 245.33p per kg est d c w (-9.97)
GB: Pigs, 78.66p per kg lw (+0.15).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 9.4 per cent, ave. price, 94 00p (-0 32).
Sheep nos down 23.5 per cent, ave. price, 246.80p (-10 86).
Pig nos, down 26.6 per cent, ave, price, 77.91p (-0.12).

Scotland:
Cattle nos, up 15.7 per cent, ave, price, 97.52p (-0.62).
Sheep nos down 34.9 per cent, ave price, 242.54p (-4.37).
Pig nos, up 33.1 per cent, ave, price, 83.96p (-0.64).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£119.40	£116 15
Jul	£123.40	–
Sep	£99.40	£98.40
Nov	£102.45	£102 20
Jan	£106.10	£105 60
Mar	£109.30	£108.75

Total lots traded
Wheat 474
Barley 53

APPOINTMENTS

Thorn EMI: Mr John Sibley becomes a vice-chairman and Mr Colin Southgate has been made managing director.

Touche Ross & Co: Mr Nigel Atkinson, Mr Michael Barford, Mr David Goldsmith, Mr Nigel Johnson, Mrs Elizabeth Martin and Mr T. Minnow Powell are new partners.

Henry Ansbacher & Co: Mr Derek Matthews has joined the board.

DCE Group of Thurmaston: Mr Adrian Flynn has become sales and technical director.

Standard Engineering: Dr George Lesiak has been made managing director and Mr Richard Manning becomes deputy managing director.

Waterford Glass Group: Mr J. P. Hayes will become chairman on May 21.

Glaxo Holdings: Mr Paul Girolami has been appointed deputy chairman. Mr Bernard Taylor is made deputy chief executive and will succeed Mr Girolami as chief executive next February.

C. T. Bowring & Co: Mr C. Godwin has been appointed executive director and Mr R. Gryson director of Bowring Non-Marine Insurance Brokers. Mr R. Pickup and Mr J. A. T. Esdaile have become directors of Bowring Aviation. Mr J. H. Hitchcock has been made a director of Bowring Marine Insurance Brokers.

Brent Chemicals International: Dr Michael Lieberman has joined the board.

Bell & Howell: Mr Stuart W. Heap has become director of operations in the international visual communications division.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
180	162	Aberdeen	177	..	7.5	4.4	..
101	87½	Alisa	96	..	2.0b	2.1	..
698	560	Alliance	635	● -2	24.6	3.9	..
165	118	Amer Trust	128	● -2	4.1	3.2	..
302	264	Ang Amer Sec	266	-6	8.1	3.1	..
145	130	Ashdown	130	s ..	3.9	3.0	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	111	..	0.7	0.6	..
102	83	Bankers	93	● -1	3.6b	3.8	..
194	167	Berry	169	-1	1.4	0.8	..
176	152	Border & Sthrn	154	-1	4.7	3.1	..
107	100	Br Amer Gen	100	● -1	3.7	3.7	..
215	192	Br Assets	193	● -1	9.7b	5.0	..
30½	28	Br Empire Sec	27½	..	1.3	4.7	..
373	325	British Inv	338	..	18.3b	5.4	..
75	64	Brunner	70	..	2.8	4.1	..
89	72	Charter Agency	82	..	3.1b	3.7	..
685	625	Continental	630	-5	25.7b	4.1	..
178	141	Crescent Japan	141	-6	1.1	0.8	..
485	365	Delta	375	..	..	..	..
109	98	Derby Inc	98	..	10.2	10.4	..
103	95	Do Cap	95	..	..	..	..
296	264	Drayton Cons	264	-1	12.7	4.5	..
148	126	Drayton Far East	127	-3	1.6	1.2	..
420	360	Drayton Japan	360	-14	3.6	1.0	..
412	363	Drayton Premier	388	-2	18.2	4.7	..
180	162	Dundee Lon	175	..	6.7	3.8	..
198	89	Edin Amer Asset	98	s -1	1.3	1.3	..
117	103	Edinburgh	109½	..	3.7	3.5	..
292	254	Electric Gen	274	-2	4.8b	1.7	..
251	228	English Int	243	-1	9.8b	4.0	..
78	67	English Scot	67	-1	1.8	2.7	..
108½	91	English NY	102	..	3.6	3.5	..
97	86	F & C Alliance	86	-3	2.4	2.7	..
188	142	F&C Pacific	142	● -5	5.4	3.8	..
212	188	Family	210	● -2	9.8	4.7	..
279	242	First Scot Amer	251	● ..	12.9b	5.1	..
190	160	First Un Gen	160	● ..	6.7b	4.9	..
590	440	Fleming American	490	-5	7.5	1.6	..
280	236	Fleming Claver	254	-1	12.4	4.9	..
258	233	Fleming Enterprise	254	-1	11.1	4.4	..
328	269	Fleming Far East	269	-9	2.9	1.1	..
109	100	Fleming Fledgling	106	..	3.6	3.3	..
590	503	Fleming Japan	503	● -13	4.3	0.9	..
118	106	Fleming Mercantile	111	● -2	4.3	3.9	..
134	107	Fleming Overseas	107	-1	3.3b	3.1	..
163	145	Fleming Tech	145	-2	3.1	2.2	..
334	262	Fleming Universal	264	-6	9.6	3.4	..
74	63½	For Col	66½	s -1½	1.8	2.8	..
121	92	GBC Capital	100	..	..	..	..
185	159	GT Japan	160	-6	2.0b	1.3	..
618	550	General Funds	565	-7	13.5	2.3	..
261	230	General Cons	246	-4	13.1	5.3	..

1984 85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
46	32	Personal Assets	35	..	0.6	1.6	..
340	305	Raeburn	310	-2	13.6	4.4	..
137	125	River & Merc	131	-1	7.1	5.5	..
236	198	River Plate	215	..	10.3	4.8	..
192	169	Robeco	169	..	..	..	..
171	150	Rolinco	152	-3	..	..	..
267	233	Romney	242	-2	6.6	2.7	..
11½	10	Rorento	£10	-⅛	..	..	..
113	96	St Andrews	103	s ..	3.7	3.8	..
273	241	Scottish	242	..	7.4	3.1	..
285	211	Scot American	218	-1	8.0	3.7	..
167	146	Scot Eastern	149	● ..	5.4	3.6	..
408	356	Scot Mtge	371	-2	9.7b	2.8	..
243	212	Scot Nat	221	..	8.1	2.7	..
129	119	Scot Ntrn	122	-1	4.7	3.8	..
380	355	Scot Merc 'A'	375	..	19.1	3.5	..
595	500	Secnd Alliance	544	-2	20.4b	3.7	..
121	106	Sec Of Scotland	113	-1	5.3b	4.7	..
78	64	Smaller Cos	69	-2	2.2	3.2	..
37	32	Stewart Enterp	36	..	0.6	1.8	..
146	112	Stockholders	122	-1	3.4	2.8	..
100	87	Tr Australia	82	..	2.9	3.1	..
126	105	Glasgow Stock	112	..	2.9	2.6	..
278	251	Globe	264	..	12.9	4.9	..
222	202	Greenfriar	212	-1	2.3	1.1	..
275	250	Gresham House	255	..	5.7	2.2	..
163	138	Hambros	150	..	5.4	3.6	..
254	226	Hill (P)	237	+1	13.2	5.6	..
540	505	Invest-in Success	515	● -8	7.8	1.5	..
235	212	Inv Cap	212	-2	5.2b	2.5	..
62	53	Jardine Assets	53	-2	0.1	0.1	..
323	275	Lake View	375	-13	6.4	2.3	..
181	165	Law Debenture	171	● -1	7.9	4.6	..
80	68	Lon Merchant Sec	80	+2	2.8	3.5	..
107	92	Lon Trust	97	--	3.9	4.1	..
98	86	Merchants	91	● ..	5.4b	5.8	..
174	147	Monks	147	-2	3.4b	2.3	..
118	106	Murray Income	112	--	6.4n	5.7	..
96	85	Murray Growth	89	● ..	2.0	2.2	..
134	112	Murray Intl	114	● -1	6.4b	5.6	..
189	163	Murray Small	169	--	3.3	2.0	..
292	270	Murray Venture	286	● ..	6.3b	2.2	..
392	361	New Court	361	● ..	20.4	5.6	..
77	67	New Darien Oil	70	● +1	0.5	0.7	..
178	167	1928	169	● --	6.7	3.9	..
38½	37	Nwltrog Inv 88	38½	..	3.2	8.3	..
243	180	New Tokyo	190	-6	2.1	1.1	..
324	280	Nth Atlantic Sec	283	-2	4.6	1.6	..
123	104	Nth Sea Assets	105	-1	0.7	0.7	..
263	242	Nthn Amer	242	-5	7.7	3.2	..
139	129	Outwich	130	..	4.1	3.1	..

1984 85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
85	75	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	80	● ..	4.4b	5.5	..
155	139	Tr Ind & Gen	141	-1	4.8b	3.4	..
255	234	Tr Natural Res	247	..	10.7	4.3	..
222	168	Tr North America	181	-1	4.8b	2.7	..
293	258	Tr Pacific Basin	258	● -15	2.8	1.1	..
145	134	Tr Property	135	-1	4.7	3.5	..
101	85	Tr Tech	85	-1	2.4	2.8	..
137	124	Tr Trustees	128	+1	4.9	3.8	..
122	111	Temple Bar	115	..	6.6	5.8	..
235	211	Throgmorton	234	..	10.7	4.6	..
280	248	Throg Secured Cap	258	+1	..	..	..
167	147	Trans Oceanic	154	● -1	4.9b	3.2	..
120	105	Tribune	108	-2	3.2	3.0	..
79½	74½	Triplevest Inc	74½	● -5	13.4	17.9	..
218	188	US Debenture	196	● -2	9.3	4.8	..
82	72	Viking Resources	72	..	1.6	2.2	..
77	61	Westpool	77	+3	2.0	2.6	..
110	89	Winterbottom Enrgy	101	..	1.0	1.0	..
159	139	Witan	148	-1	3.8	2.6	..
284	259	Yeoman	279	-3	12.3	4.4	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1984 85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
410	315	Akroyd & Smithers	325	+5	23.6	7.3	12.6
57½	31½	American Express	£32⅝	● -⅛	..	..	..
25	18	Argyle	25	..	..	..	12.8
85	63	Boustead	84	-1	..	..	..
115	86	Britannia Arrow	91	● ..	3.6	3.9	13.6
113	97	CJR Pacific	97	-7	..	..	..
41	28	Do Warrants	28	-2	..	..	..
13¼	8⁵⁄₁₆	Daily Mail	£13¼	+¼	55.0	4.2	14.2
13¼	8½	Do 'A'	£13⅛	+¼	55.0	4.2	14.1
127	113	Electra	119	..	5.1	4.3	31.7
108	80	Eng Assoc	108	..	4.3b	4.3	14.2
743	628	Exco	673	-6	12.9	1.9	18.0
86	68	Exploration	81	..	4.5	5.6	13.2
12½	10	First Charlotte	11½	..	0.1	0.6	..
775	725	Framlington	725	● ..	12.9	1.8	18.6
84	58	Frost (JJ & D)	70	-2	4.0	5.7	10.4
105	44	Goode (D & M)	94	..	1.8	1.9	16.4
705	578	Henderson Admin	698	..	15.7	2.3	14.6
6⅛	3⅝	M & G	£5	..	17.9	3.6	19.9
445	323	Martin (RP)	445	..	17.9	4.0	10.7
309	287	Mercantile House	292	-2	17.5	6.0	7.4
425	340	Mills & Allen	368	● ..	20.0	5.4	11.1
118	93	Smith Brothers	100	..	7.9	7.9	4.3

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Money was tight for the greater part of yesterday. Interbank rates opened on 13⅞-⅞ per cent but soon went to 14-13¾ per cent as the authorities forecast another massive shortage. During lunchtime, the rate was reaching 15½-15 per cent. Late in the session, however, it dropped to 10-9 per cent once the authorities had taken out the shortage, and it dipped to 5 per cent before registering 10 per cent again at the close.

Periods eased by ¹⁄₁₆ to ⅛ in the first part of the day, spurred once again by base rate optimism. As it became clear that these hopes were not to be realized yesterday, rates responded to the more immediate pull of the tight money situation and firmed a little from the bottom.

After that, there was no great change for the rest of the session.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 13-12¾
Finance House 14

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 13¼ Low 5
Week fixed: 13⅛-13

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12⅝	2 months	12½
3 months	12	3 months	11⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	12⅝-12½	2 months	12⅛-12⅜
3 months	12¹⁄₃₂-11²⁹⁄₃₂	6 months	11⅞-11¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13¼	2 months	12⅞
3 months	12²¹⁄₃₂-12	6 months	12

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 13⅞-13½ close 10

1 week	13⅛-13⅜	6 months	12¹⁄₁₆-11¹⁵⁄₁₆
1 month	12⅞-12¹¹⁄₁₆	9 months	11⅞-11⅝
3 months	12½-12⅜	12 months	11¾-11⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	13¼	7 days	13¼
1 month	12¾	3 months	12¼
6 months	11¾	12 months	11½

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	13⅞-13½	2 months	13¾-13⅝
3 months	13¾-13⅝	6 months	13-12⅞
9 months	12⅞-12⅝	12 months	12⅝-12¼

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	12⅞-12¾	3 months	12⁵⁄₁₆-12³⁄₁₆
6 months	11¹³⁄₁₆-11¹¹⁄₁₆	12 months	11⁹⁄₁₆-11⁷⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8 55-8 45	3 months	8 70-8 60
6 months	8 85-8 75	12 months	9 45-9 35

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8¼-7¾
7 days	8⅝-8½	1 month	8⅝-8½
3 months	8⅞-8¾	6 months	9-8⅞
Deutschmark		call	5¼-4¾
7 days	5⅝-5½	1 month	5⅝-5½
3 months	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	6 months	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆
French Franc		call	11-10
7 days	10⅞-10⁵⁄₁₆	1 month	10⅜-10⅛
3 months	10⅞-10⅝	6 months	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆
Swiss Franc		call	3½-1½
7 days	1⅞-1⅝	1 month	5-4⅞
3 months	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	6 months	5⅜-5⅛
Yen		call	6¼-5⅞
7 days	6¼-6	1 month	6⅜-6⅛
3 months	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	6 months	6½-6⅜

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$336-337.50 (£264-265)
Sovereigns* (new):
$77-78.50 (£60 50-61 50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 5 March 1985, to 2 April, 1985 inclusive 13 616 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Worries about a slowdown in the American economy weighed heavily on the dollar for a while yesterday. Early trading saw the dollar dip briefly below the psychologically important 3.00 mark level for the first time since November, 1984.

Sterling, addionally benefiting from the Bank of England's stand against money market pressure for a further reduction in interest rates, pushed over 1.29 to the dollar initially, its best level for seven months.

However, the dollar was on a recovery tack in the last hour.

Consequently, the pound finished a net 25 points down at 1.2732

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 16	Market rates close April 16	1 month	3 months
New York	$1 2710-1 2920	$1.2725-1.2740	0.46-0.43c prem	1 15-1.10c prem
Montreal	$1.7300-1 7503	$1 7300-1.7346	0.44-0.37c prem	1 02-0 49c prem
Amsterdam	4 3457-4 3902fl	4 3583-4 3883fl	2⅛-2c prem	5⅞-5⅛c prem
Brussels	77 40-78.25f	77.67-77 89f	21-16c prem	52-43c prem
Copenhagen	13.8229-13 8800k	13.8500-13.8800k	3⅞-2⅝ore prem	7⅞-6⅞ore prem
Dublin	1.2285-1.2376p	1 2300-1.2315p	5 prem-5p disc	5 prem-15p disc
Frankfurt	3 8450-3.8790m	3 8557-3 8840m	2⅛-2⅛pf prem	6⅛-5⅞pf prem
Lisbon	216.41-222.31e	218 41-220.49e	145-540e disc	515-1545e disc
Madrid	215.13-215.94p	215 50-215.94p	5-20p disc	60-95p disc
Milan	2451 10-2487,70lr	2458.47-2470.29lr	1-4lr disc	9-13lr disc
Oslo	11.1507-11.1968k	11 1507-11 1893k	¼ prem-¾ore disc	¼-1¼ore disc
Paris	11.7120-11 8410f	11.7579-11.7845f	2⅛-1⅞c prem	4⅞-4⅛c prem
Stockholm	11.2735-11.3248k	11.2813-11.3201k	⅛-1⅛ore disc	3⅛-4⅛ore disc
Tokyo	317.10-320.93y	317.23-318 25y	1⅞-1⅝y prem	4⅞-4⅛y prem
Vienna	27.03-27 20sch	27.08-27 19sch	13¾-12⅛gro prem	36⅞-33gro prem
Zurich	3 1975-3 2316f	3.2182-3 2283f	2⅛-2c prem	5⅞-5⅛c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.2 at 79.1 (day's range 79.6-79.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	4.97.74-498.78
Australia dollar	1.9107-1.9152
Bahrain dinar	0.4830-0.4870
Brazil cruzeiro*	5963-5996
Cyprus pound	0 78-0.79
Finland marka	8.0610-8.0810
Greece drachma	168.30-170.30
Hong Kong dollar	9.9110-9.9122
India rupee	15 51-15.71
Iraq dinar	n a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3850-0.3890
Malaysia dollar	3 1149-3 1213
Mexico peso	250-305
New Zealand dollar	2.7684-2.7858
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.6270-4.6570
Singapore dollar	2.7978-2.8089
South Africa rand	2 4119-2.4185
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.7080-4.7480

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1 0320-1 0350
Singapore	2 1970-2 2000
Malaysia	2 4460-2 4490
Australia	0 6655-0 6665
Canada	1.3598-1.3608
Sweden	8 8350-8.8450
Norway	8 76 8 77
Denmark	10 87-10 89
West Germany	3 0270-3 0290
Switzerland	2 5220-2 5260
Netherlands	3 4250-3.4290
France	9 2450-9 2525
Japan	249 50-249 65
Italy	1934-1939
Belgium(Comm)	61.00-61 10
Hong Kong	7 7830-7 7850
Portugal	168-172
Spain	168 50-168 90
Austria	21 20-21 25

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

1984/85 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

COMPANY NEWS

● ANGLO AMERICAN INVESTMENT TRUST: Year to March 31. Pretax profit R59.8 million (£24.9 million) against R59.4 million. Total dividend 590 cents (same) a share.

● WALTER LAWRENCE: Final div. 7.25p (same), making 10.25p (same) for 1984. Proposed two-for-one scrip issue. Figs in £000. Turnover 114,145 (82,021). Pretax profit 2,958 (2,627). The group's order books for 1985 are encouraging, although margins are still low.

J. Hepworth & Son, the high street tailor, yesterday reported a 47 per cent increase in pretax profits to £9.7 million for the half-year to the end of February on sales £15.1 million higher at £71.6 million. Next for Women had another excellent season's trading with sales 56 per cent higher, while Next for men was successfully launched from 45 branches during the half-year. The interim dividend is being raised from 0.75p to 1p.

● MCD GROUP: Div. 2p, making 3p (1.5p) for 1984. Figs in £000. Turnover 40,268 (29,364). Pretax profit 3,026 (1,788). The year has started well, with group sales and profit in excess of last year and ahead of budget.

● FALCON INDUSTRIES: Final 1p, making 2p (same), as forecast, for 1984. Figs in £000. Turnover 33,335 (25 347.) Pre-tax profit 1,025 (1,116) Tax 166 (160).

● VALOR: The contract for the purchase by Valor of Heatrea Sadia and Heatrea Sadio Environmental from Charter Consolidated has been completed, and the placing of 1.8 million ordinary shares and the open offer to ordinary shareholders of Valor of 1.68 million shares have become unconditional. Under the open offer there were applications for about 5.13 million shares (three times the number of shares offered).

● WILLIAM SINDALL: Final 8p, making 10p (8p) for 1984. Figs in £00. T/over 22,440 (19,070). Pretax profit 853 (572). EPS 89.98p (53.816p.)

● ABERDEEN TRUST: Has repaid $5 million (£3.9 million) borrowed from the Royal Bank of Scotland. It has renewed the balance of its borrowing facility totalling $9 million arranged with Royal Bank of Scotland.

● SWINDON PRIVATE HOSPITAL: Six months to Jan 31. The previous periods results cover, in the main, the hospital construction period. Figs in £000. Turnover 575 (Nil). Gross profit 278 (Nil). Pre-tax loss 78 (3 profit). Loss per share 5.56p (0.14p earnings).

● SIEBE has agreed terms for two transactions involving the disposal and leaseback of properties of the group in the US and Britain. In the first transaction, which was completed on April 4, land and premises at Cranston, Rhode Island, were sold to Sailor Associates and Fleet FIN Group, of Providence, Rhode Island, for net proceeds of £3.9 million.

● SCANRO HOLDINGS: Div. 0.7p, as forecast in the prospectus, for 1984. Figs in £000. Turnover 2,402 (1,125). Pre-tax profit 414 (89). Group's results for the year are better than the forecast made by the directors in the placing prospectus. A further 16,000 sq ft of manufacturing capacity is now in use.

● JOHN I. JACOBS: The chairman, Mr J H Jacobs, says in his annual review that he has seldom been more optimistic for the future. He is confident that when 1985 is over the group will be recommending a divident at least at the same rate as for the year under review.

● ASPEN COMMUNICATIONS: Hambros Bank has placed 1.35 million ordinary shares (20.1 per cent) of 5p each in Aspen Communications at 125p. Application has been made for dealing in the USM. Dealings are expected to commence next Monday.

● THE HOWARD GROUP

The Howard Group, the holding company of two Lloyd's insurance brokers, C. Howard and Anthony Popple and Co, is to join the USM via a placing of 1.64 million shares (approximately 14.1 per cent of the equity). Dealings are expected to take place from Monday. The shares are being placed at 129p, giving a market capitalization at the placing price of £14.98 million.

● SOUTHAMPTON ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM: Div 10p (9p), making 14p (12p) for year 1984. Figs in £000. T/over 9,331 (9,182). Pretax profit 1,892 (2,094).

● W. W. GROUP: Final 3p, making (7.94p) for 1984. Figs in £000. Sales 29,113 (26,736). Pre-tax profit 1,226 (1 062).

Pretax profits of Savoy Hotel jumped by 83 per cent last year to £8.1 million, despite spending on maintainance, repairs and renewals of £4.7 million. Receipts rose by a fifth, reflecting the increase in foreign visitors to London. The dividend on the "A" shares is being raised from 2p to 2.5p and on the "B" from 1p to 1.25p.

● AUSTIN REED GROUP: Div. 3.5p, making 4.5p, an increase of 12½ per cent for the year to Jan 31. Figs in £000. Turnover 57,297 (52,406). Trading profit 4,228 (3,973).

● UBM GROUP: No final div. An interim of 3p was paid in respect year to Feb 28, compared with a total of 6.5p. Figs in £000. Sales 340,864 (321,134). Pre-tax profit 13,732 (10,209).

● CHEPSTOW RACECOURSE: Dividend 1p (same) for 1984. Turnover £654,832 (£615,477). Tax £3,125 (£11,820). EPS 3.1p (4.9p).

● HIGHLAND ELECTRONICS: Interim div. 1p (nil). Figs in £000. Turnover 5,687 (5,224) for six months to Oct 31. Pre-tax rofit 503 (262).

● CLOSE BROTHERS GROUP: Half-year to Jan 31. Interim 2.625p. Figs in £000. Pretax profit 866. Tax 323. EPS 4.2p: The second half commmenced with a full pipeline of lending and investment propositions as well as significant advisory work in progress. The board is confident of a satisfactory outcome for the year as a whole.

● LAPORTE INDUSTRIES has acquired Aspen Industries, a maker of chemical products for the United States swimming pool market. The addition of Aspen allows Laporte to offer a more complete line of products for the United States pool market and gives the combined operations a nationwide capacity in this fast-growing field.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Assoc Steel Dist £1 Ord (155a)	170
BTS Group 10p Ord (82pa)	68
Bedford (Wm) 5p Ord (a*)	175
Blagden Ind 25p Ord (130)	110
Crown Int Prod 10p Ord (60a)	78+3
Cullen's Hldgs 10p Ord	127
German Smaller Co's Inv Units	100
Hillsdown Hldgs 10p Ord*	151-2
Laidlaw Thomson 25p Ord (82a)	81
Mann & Co 20p Ord (145)	172+2
Mayhew Foods 10p Ord (100a)	120+2
Memcom Int 10p Ord (a)	275
New London Oil 5p Ord (175)	201-2
Osborne & Little 5p Ord (125a)	213
Pepe Group 10p Ord (100a)	87
Scott Greenham 10p Ord (110)	113
Sims Catering Butch 5p Ord (128a)	148+3
Sintrom 10p Ord (175)	175
Wayne Kerr 10p Ord (130a)	146+1

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

Interest Rate Change

Allied Irish Banks plc announces that with effect from close of business on 15th April 1985, its Base Rate was decreased from 13¼% to 12¾% p.a.

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Far Eastern challenge for Taylor Woodrow

Taylor Woodrow's 18.3 per cent taxable profits growth in 1984 to £42.5 million is no mean achievement given the fiercely competitive nature of the contracting industry.

Growth, in fact, came most strongly from housing, where profits were 74 per cent higher worldwide. Contracting profits slipped to £17.7 million from £19.5 million and their share of Taylor Woodrow's profits fell to 42 per cent from 53.

The housing boom happened in the US where the company has operations in the growth states of Texas, California and Florida. Housing profits in Britain were about the same with some downturn in Scotland. The dollar benefit chipped in about £2 million to profits.

On the contracting side, the United Kingdom was the main reason for the downturn. A switch in emphasis to management contracting – subcontracting much of the labour – means lower risks but lower margins. Turnover, however, managed to make headway. Overseas contracting profitability was much the same.

The property side had a good year, bringing in £8.5 million, an increase of 39 per cent. On a geographical basis all the overseas divisions increased profits, except for Africa, where the problems of the Nigerian economy contributed to a plunge into losses of £1.6 million.

The outlook for the current year is reasonably encouraging with extra enquiries around, though not as yet all feeding into extra orders. The company hopes to increase its sales by a similar 12 per cent this year and taxable profits of £45 million look possible. The prospective p/e ratio, on shares up 2p at 375p, is 9.4. About right for the sector.

The real challenge ahead of the company is how much of the contracting work it can pick up in the Far East, the world's growth area. Mrs Thatcher's visit to Malaysia is supposed to have solved the dispute between British Airways and Malaysian Airline Systems, which Taylor Woodrow feared might harm British companies' chances of getting work on Malaysia's £750 million upgrading of its rail network. Japanese, American and other competition is fierce, but Taylor Woodrow at least has the finances to compete. Cash per share stands at £1.47p.

Boase Massimi Pollitt

On Monday night it was Arkwright, the unflappable Yorkshireman who stars in the TV commercials for John Smith's Yorkshire Bitter who led the way as his creator, Boase Massimi Pollitt, swept the board at the British Television Advertising Awards. The agency won five out of seven of the gold awards, including that for the best commercial, and yesterday the company revealed the financial implications of this creative success.

Pretax profits rose from £1.7 million to £2.3 million as BMP continued to increase its market share and at the same time maintain its margins at the enviable and impressive level of 3.5 per cent. The increase in turnover, 32.6 per cent, was three times the industry average andBMP is rapidly moving up the advertising agency tables.

Since the agency came to market in April, 1983 it hass not disappointed its followers and there is every indication that the upward trend will continue. Perhaps the most significant factor in maintaining this momentum will be the transformation f the business from an advertising agency to a more broadly based group.

Advertising will continue to provide the core of the grou but the acquisition of the Marketing Solutions consultancy in January, the start up of a corporate and financial communications business and a strategic stake in a new New York agency will all expand BMP's scope and services.

This diversification has been well planned and will be well controlled. BMP will not overstretch its resources and, unlike some of its competitors, does not appear to want to take over the world by a week on Friday.

The expansion of the group will inevitably bring a slight erosion in margins in the current year, but in the short term BMP can afford this and in the longer term the new businesses could make a substantial contribution to profits. With a strong balance sheet, BMP can still make further strategic acquisitions should the opportunities arise.

A falling tax rate will continue to help earnings per share and the share split will assist marketability. The shares closed up 10p at 594p and they will not disappoint.

Bowthorpe Holdings

The stock market showed deep ingratitude to Bowthorpe's ninth successive year of record results by knocking 49p off the shares to leave them at 380p. The 34.7 per cent increase in 1984 taxable profits to £20.95 million was in line with expectations, but forecasts for 1985 are being shaded back a little.

Results for 1984 included a £1.1 million currency gain, largely the dollar and the mark, which is unlikely to be repeated. If 1984 figures were translated at current dollar-pound rates the exchange rate gain would be only £300,000.

Last year's figures also included the final tranche of £1.13 million for an insurance claim after a 1982 fire at a subsidiary. Without these exceptional gains, profits growth is expected to slow. Margins at home remain under pressure because of greater stringency both by the Ministry of Defence and British commercial side, although the growth prospects there remain excellent and the defence margins are untouched. The US now generates 27 per cent of group profits.

This year profits should rise by about 15 per cent to £24 million, putting the company on a prospective p/e ratio, assuming 45 per cent tax, of 14.2. The slight remium to its competitors is maintained at present share levels and should continue to be so

With a wide spread of electronic and electrical products and customers and countries of operation, Bowthorpe is well placed to withstand downturns in any one area.

Bowthorpe has two strong buy possibilities in its sights, one American and one British, which would cost about £7 million. The yield, on a 17 per cent dividend increase, is 2 per cent and still looking for growth. However, it may be a while before the shares climb back to their 465p high.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Commercial Union shares surge as takeover speculation mounts

By Derek Pain and Cliff Feltham

There was intense speculation yesterday that the Commercial Union insurance group, one of the City's perennial bid favourites, was at last about to receive a takeover offer.

The shares surged 19p at one stage before easing to 127p, up 15p on the day.

Last year CU recorded a £72.8 million loss compared with a modest £9.3 million profit in the previous year. Many stock market dealers believe that the lurking bidder(s) could now be tempted to strike, before any big trading improvement becomes apparent.

Mr Sandy Marshall, CU's chairman, failed to still the takeover speculation at Tuesday's shareholders' meeting. In fact some observers were puzzled by his failure to deny categorically that he had received a bid approach.

Dealings are expected to start on Tuesday in the shares of Maxiprint, the USM's first "greenfield" issue for a long time. The shares were being placed at 28p yesterday by Security Exchange and R. Nivison and Co., the broker. Maxiprint, a photographic enlargement system, is the creation of Mr. R. E. Hester, aged 57, who will have 37.6 per cent of the capital after the placing which, it is hoped, will raise £484,000

CU's shares have been particularly active for some weeks. And there has been considerable interest in them in the traded option market.

Reports yesterday suggested that an agreed offer of between 300p and 325p would be announced soon. The favourite to bid is Guardian Royal Exchange.

Others in the bid frame include General Accident and Allianz, the West German group which lost the epic struggle for the Eagle Star insurance group last year.

But CU was not the only takeover favourite to inspire interest yesterday. **Debenhams** was back in the spotlight with the shares tumbling 13p to 246p. **Habitat Mothercare**, on the other hand, was strong, up 10p at 354p.

The Debenhams decline was attributed to profit-taking. However, the suspicion remains that a bidder will strike soon. After Tuesday's excitement, following the Associated Dairies Group bid for MFI Furniture, stores quietened down. The £150 million Tesco rights issue also dampened enthusiasm.

Thorn EMI was again firm on persistent suggestions that a Dutch bid is being lined up. The shares rose 15p to 442p, making a 47p three day gain.

Equities enjoyed a firm day, helped by rising hopes of interest rate cuts, fine company profits and the takeover array.

At the close, the FT 30 share index was 2.5 points up at 979.5 points and the more broadly based FT-SE index was 2.3 points better at 1,290.8 points. Gilts were about £¼ stronger.

A bullish circular and thoughts on what might be said at an institutional meeting planned for Friday kept Mr Asil Nadir's Polly Peck on the boil, with the shares gaining 5p at 242p to bring the two-day rise to 15p.

The broker L. Messel and Co is lining up an institutional meeting with Polly Peck which is to be followed in a few weeks by a brokers' visit to Cyprus to examine the progress of the group's agricultural business and consumer electronics activities.

The visit – for which brokers are being charged £450 a head – is apparently finding no shortage of takers.

But the recent strength of the shares is probably due to a circular from Mr Bob Carpenter at Montagu, Lobel, the broker. He thinks consumer electronics should continue its "remarkable progress" and is forecasting profits for the current year of £82 million – a bit below Messel's £85 million – and £105 million to the following year.

His view of the shares. "They could double over the next 18 months."

Full-year results from Steel Brothers, the contruction, food and industrial catering group failed to impress the market. Profits showed a 34 per cent improvement at £14.9 million, but the figures were flattered by a £2.9 million windfall on exchange rates. The shares fell 7p to 523p having hit 510p at one stage.

There also remain nagging worries about this year. A valuable contract to supply lime to a copper mine in Utah is likely to take a bad knock after closure of the mine. Mr Patrick Cooper, chief executive, said: "It is impossible to say what effect this will have at this stage but there will obviously bo some impact." At home Steel Brothers is trying to expand its catering business by tendering for more hospital contracts.

Owners Abroad, the travel group, is parting company with its broker, Grieveson, Grant and Co, and expects to appoint a replacement soon. Meanwhile, profits from a difficult year in the holiday industry have come out at £2.2 million, a fall of just over £1 million. But the company says it had to contend with £1.4 million of special costs. Current trading is going well. The shares edged ahead to 23p.

British Telecom held at 137p. **Nomura Securities**, the Japanese securities house, remains a keen buyer of the shares.

P & O rose 2p to 345p. It now has 10 per cent of **Ocean Transport and Trading** which advanced 2p to 191p.

Woolworth Holdings edged ahead on a chart buy signal and **Time Products**, the watch business, jumped 5p to 44p, breaking out of a chart range.

Pentland Industries continued to reflect Monday's dramatic profits advance, rising a further 35p to 660p.

Pineapple Dance Studios revovered 7p to 63p and **Scanro Holdings**, the sailboard maker, climbed 8p to 196p after profits of £414,000 against a prospectus forecast of £410,000.

Takeover hopes were stirred again at the sight of the Mr Cube sugar giant **Tate and Lyle** marching up 18p to 443p.

Last year, Tate and Lyle unsuccessfully bid for Brooke Bond and there have been suggestions that its increasingly substantial dollar earnings could now make it attractive to a predator.

But yesterday's firm market showing was almost certainly the result of a favourable circular from Fielding, Newson-Smith, the broker.

It has been encouraged by a recent increase in the sugar price in Britain and the US and are impressed by Tate and Lyle's acquisition policy in the United States. Forecasts for this year are £79 million against £69.2 million.

AHH Holdings, which distributes fuel, builders materials and pharmaceuticals moved up 7p to 148p as it became known that the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society had sold its 5.4 per cent shareholding. **Bespak**, the aerosol valve maker, was in demand, firming 11p to 206p.

Bowthorpe Holdings slumped 44p to 385p. Profits improved 37 per cent but the figures were followed by a gloomy analysts' meeting. **Highland Electronics** gained 6p to 123p on a 92 per cent profits rise and **Taylor Woodrow** improved 2p to 375p on its 20 per cent profits gain.

Savoy Hotel was lifted 2p to 358p after an 83 per cent profits rise. **Dunhill Holdings** remained strong, rising 7p to 318p. Figures are due next month.

Traded option highlights

Commercial Union was easily the centre of attraction in a busy London Traded Options Market yesterday, accounting for almost half the business.

Of a total of 7,320 contract, CU represented 3,539 – 3,044 calls and 495 puts.

The gilt contract attracted 226 calls and 192 puts.

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Record results for ninth successive year

Audited Results for the year ended 31 December 1984

	1984	1983	% change
Turnover	£112.5m	£87.2m	+29.0
Pre-Tax Profits	£20.9m	£15.2m	+37.4
Earnings per Share	23.6p	18.4p	+28.3
Total Dividend	5.480p	4.682p	+17.0

Bowthorpe Holdings

Bowthorpe Holdings PLC, Crawley, Sussex RH10 2RZ.

Equity & Law – Attractive products and good investment performance

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr P D J H Cox, and the Report and Accounts for 1984

✻ Total long term business profits distributed to policyholders and shareholders for 1984 were £60.8m, an increase of 26% over the previous year and almost double the amount for 1981.

✻ Average annual rate of increase in dividends over the last five years has been more than 20%.

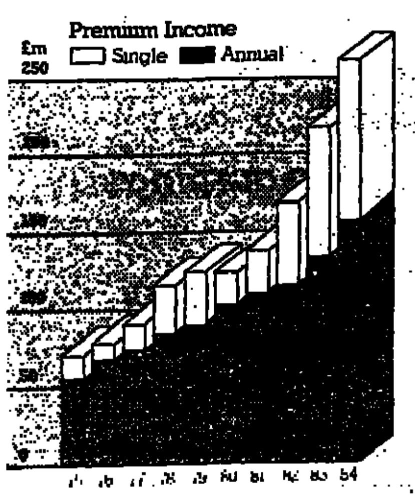
✻ With Multiplan and Multipension we have brought new ideas to the protection and individual pension markets and expect to launch this year a new form of with-profit contract for the mortgage market.

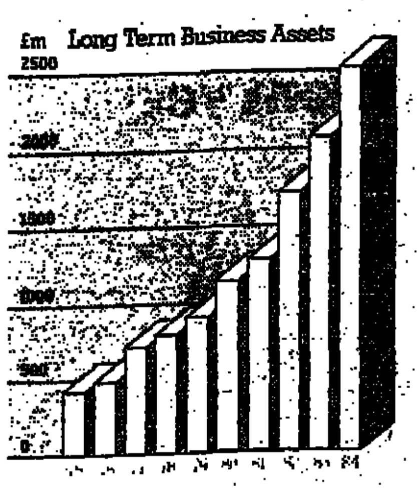
✻ German business, all on a with-profit basis, now makes a significant contribution to the shareholders' allocation of profits – 9% of the total for 1984.

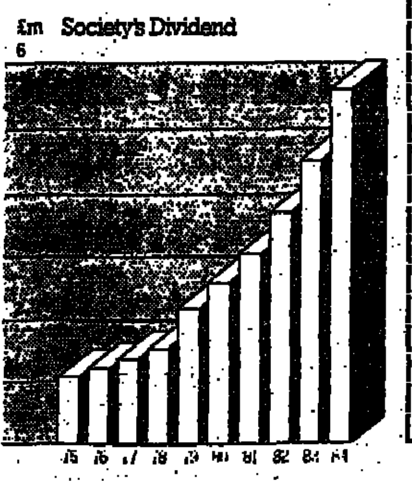
✻ The continuing success of our investment managers was typified by Equity & Law being named by Money Management as the top unit trust group for 1984.

✻ We have the financial strength to continue to expand in a controlled way and we have the staff at home and overseas with the expertise and energy to do so. I am confident therefore that Equity & Law will continue to grow and to prosper.

TEN YEAR SUMMARY







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	1984 £ million	1983 £ million	Increase %
New annual premiums	37.0	33.8	9.5
New single premiums	107.4	84.7	26.8
Total premium income	262.5	217.5	20.7
Long Term Business assets	2,510	2,078	20.8
Earnings	5.639	4.538	24.3
Dividends	5.624	4.519	24.5

For a copy of the Report and Accounts incorporating the Chairman's Statement and a full Review of 1984, fill in this coupon.

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To Booker Shareholders

Reject the Dee Bid

Booker's three main activities have very strong marke positions, vigorous management and outstanding prospects for growth.

Booker's 1985 forecasts confirm this

- profit up 22%
- earnings up 25%
- dividends up 28%

Dee's bid has major financial disadvantages, offering you

- lower attributable pre-tax profits
- lower earnings*
- lower income

Do not be misled by Dee's claim to offer you higher earnings.

*This is based on Dee including substantial exceptional property profits and on an abnormally low tax charge. As almost all the recent increase in Dee's 1984/85 profit forecast stems from property profits, a comparison based on Dee's original forecast (which did not include property profits of an exceptional nature) shows Booker had higher 1984 earnings per share. Booker has not included property profits of £8.5m before tax (equivalent to 3.4p per share after tax) categorised as an extraordinary item in its 1984 results. Booker's 1985 forecast shows earnings per share substantially ahead at 24p.

BACK BOOKER

Each Director of Booker McConnell PLC (including those who have delegated detailed supervision of this advertisement) has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and opinions expressed herein are fair and accurate. Each of the Directors accepts responsibility accordingly.

Record results for '84 New opportunities in '85

1984 was an outstanding year for County Bank.
Our business increased across the whole range of our services, with particular growth coming from Corporate Advisory and Capital Markets activities.
1985 promises to be one of the most significant years in our history with a major re-structuring of the Bank's operations through the creation of an investment banking holding company, County Holdings Limited, to incorporate the activities of County Bank, stockbrokers Fielding, Newson-Smith, and stockjobbers Bisgood Bishop.
Highlights from our annual report are given below.

International Capital Markets

*Number of issues lead managed or co-lead managed during the year more than doubled to 181 (US $24.6 billion equivalent).

*We launched the first ever perpetual FRN issue raising US $500 million on behalf of National Westminster Bank PLC.

*We lead managed the first ever sterling FRN issue for the Kingdom of Belgium for £100 million as well as the first eurodollar issue for US $100 million for the Tokyo Electric Power Company, the world's largest private utility company.

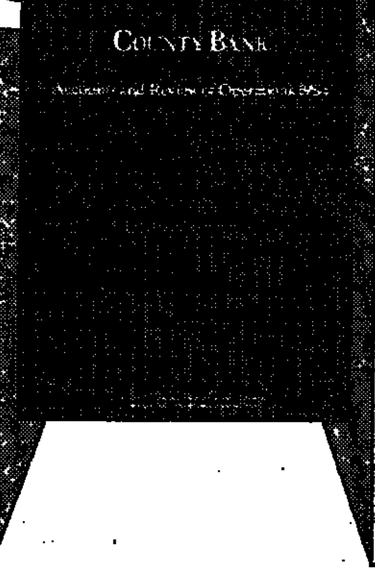
*We acquired stockbrokers Watson & Co. in Hong Kong and, in 1985, have established a merchant banking presence in Australia.

Corporate Advice

*Another record year with bids and deals totalling in excess of £900 million and equity issues totalling £504 million.

*We continued to strengthen our involvement with a number of specialist sectors, including retailing, oil and investment trusts.

*We are the leading merchant bank involved in issues on the Unlisted Securities Market and sponsored a further five new issues in 1984.



Investment Management

*The number of clients increased substantially with 13 new UK clients and 28 new international clients.

*We currently manage or advise 117 UK portfolios and 55 international portfolios.

*The total value of funds managed or advised increased to an amount in excess of £6 billion.

Treasury

*A record contribution was made to profits by our Treasury operation.

*The Bank is now a recognised market-maker in certain specialised short-date foreign exchange markets.

Finance

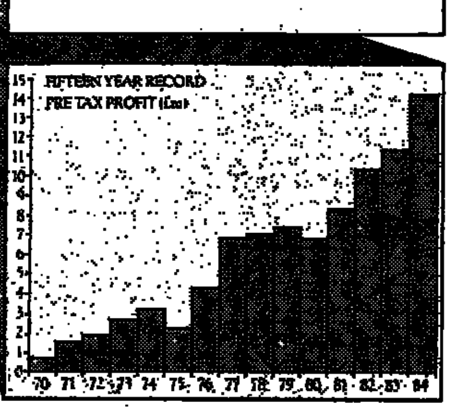
*We have continued to broaden our range of specialised financing techniques for industry and commerce.

*We provided project advice and raised the capital for a series of projects both in the UK and overseas.

County Bank Development Capital

*Equity is currently held in 172 companies with a total exposure of £85 million.

*A further ten management buy-outs during the year consolidated our position as a market leader in this specialised area.



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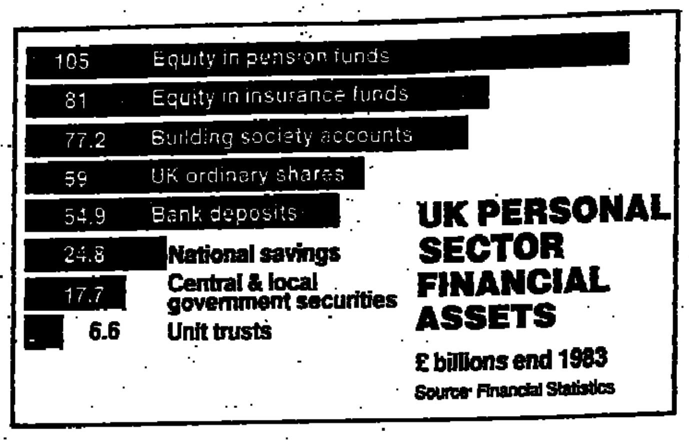
Peter Falush on the neglected area of personal assets

British public plays safe and grows steadily wealthier



UK PERSONAL SECTOR FINANCIAL ASSETS

£ billions end 1983

Source: Financial Statistics

The daily ripples of the Stock Exchange, foreign exchange or money markets seem to cause economic analysts to neglect one of the steady currents that run deep in our economy: the process of wealth creation.

The Central Statistical Office and Bank of England publish data on personal sector balance sheets, the most reliable yardstick of wealth creation, only once a year, but since it comes out unannounced, on page 152 of *Financial Statistics*, it seldom draws comment even from our most alert market watchers.

This neglect is all the more remarkable because these figures not only help to quantify the increase in our financial and physical assets but also provide valuable pointers to the future developments of the capital markets and the financial services sector.

The personal sector's net wealth over the five years to 1983 has nearly doubled and is more than £900 billion. This is an increase of 31 per cent in real terms as consumers' prices rose by only 68 per cent during the period. It is notable that personal disposable income is growing much more slowly than wealth – up by 79 per cent in nominal terms or a mere 11 per cent in real terms during the same five years.

It is significant that in recent years the value of financial assets has continued to increase at a much faster rate than physical assets. This fact provides at least some of the economic rationale for the growing popularity of the financial services sector as an area meriting attention from investors. Physical assets' share of net wealth dropped from 68.4 per cent to 64.7 per cent during 1978-83 and if current trends continue they could be down to around 55 per cent by the year 2000.

There are three main contributors to the increase in aggregate personal wealth: growing home ownership, the accumulation of pension rights and life entitlements, and the appreciation in the value of marketable securities.

The inexorable climb in the owner-occupancy ratio, which passed 60 per cent last year, is well documented. Not only are around 200,000 extra houses a year passing into individual ownership (many from the public sector) but the market value of the existing stock is regularly enhanced. This is why the value of dwellings, put at more than £425 billion in 1983, is the largest item on the personal sector balance sheets. The owner-occupancy rate is bound to continue its climb and the Building Societies Association predicts that by the year 2000 it will be well over the 74 per cent mark.

Still far behind the value of bricks and mortar but moving up fast is the imputed value of equity in pension and life insurance funds, which has been growing at an annual rate of 21 per cent since 1976.

Private and public sector funds managed by the company trustees grew faster than insurance funds but both sectors maintain a rate of expansion consistently above the average for other financial assets. These figures, of course, underscore the growing institutional dominance of captial markets. Private and public sector funds' assets were in excess of £220 billion at the end of 1983 and the personal sectors' equity in these funds was rising at a quarterly rate of £10 billion over the previous two years.

The personal sector has never been keen to own shares directly to the extent of its American counterpart, which explains the below-average increase in their holdings of British equities.

Although unit trusts performed better, their share in the total financial assets remains a paltry 1.5 per cent in 1983 against a 1.2 per cent in 1978. Clearly, much of the growth in the values of equity (and to a smaller extent unit trusts) ownership can be explained by the rise in market values.

Despite the rapid appreciation in the value of direct holding of marketable securities – (including British government stocks, local authority and other public sector securities, British ordinary shares, unit trust and loan stock as well as overseas securities), their proportion of personal sector wealth has been declining. Over the past five years their ratio dropped from 20.7 per cent to 19.8 per cent of financial assets.

That is partly due to the continuing net sales of company securities by the personal sector, which amounted to £11.5 billion during the five years to the end of 1983. But for these sales their ratio in financial assets would have been more than maintained. The recent move to halt bond-washing will make direct holding of gilts less attractive to the high marginal taxpayer. Even with their favoured capital gains tax status they have not held their own against the overall growth of financial assets.

Inland Revenue figures for 1980 show that the number of people receiving dividends of British shares continues to drop and the 1.6 million shareholders represented only 2.8 per cent of Britain's population. Even share sales of the magnitude of British Telecom (which was after the period covered here) could do no more than slow this long-term trend.

There appears to be a preference towards indirect, "packaged" holdings of securities – in the form of unit trusts, life insurance and pensions policies.

The growing slice of the savings cake handled by institutional hands is partly explained by some of the fiscal advantages enjoyed by life and pension funds and partly by the evident preference for lower specific risks by the average saver in their asset values. But both of those factors are undergoing significant changes.

The reduction of tax allowances was one of the Chancellor's motives when he discontinued life assurance premium relief in March 1984, although he has chosen not to take this further with regard to pensions in his 1985 Budget.

Apart from the fiscal factors favouring indirect ownership of financial assets, the direct ownership of securities also involves higher specific risks. If you own shares or unit trusts you can actually see the value your holdings rise and fall day-by-day. At present the majority of British savers prefer stability and predictability in asset values or incomes.

But habits of the public are changing, albeit slowly. The growing sales of linked insurances, where the value of policies is dependent on the vagaries of the stock market or on the linked assets' performance is evidence for this.

The changes to the tax system may alter the rate of growth of various components of the personal saving stream. But inertia, conservatism, consumer ignorance and locked-in investment positions will produce only very gradual shifts in the personal wealth landscape.

The author is group economist with Royal Insurance.

PERSONAL SECTOR BALANCE SHEETS

	1978 £bn	as % of net wealth	1983 £bn	as % of net wealth	% increase 1978-83
Physical assets	323.4	68.4	597.2	64.7	85
Financial assets	213.8	45.2	473.1	51.3	121
Total assets	537.2		1070.8		99
Less liabilities	64.3	–13.6	147.9	–16.0	130
Net wealth	472.9	100.0	922.4	100.0	95

Source: *Financial Statistics*, February 1985

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Extract from Consolidated Accounts at 31 December 1984

	1984 £'000	1983 £'000
Share Capital and Reserves	119,031	99,906
Subordinated Loans from Shareholders	67,060	54,425
Total Capital Funds	186,091	154,331
Deposit Liabilities	2,726,875	2,518,669
Loans	1,212,866	1,215,348
Total Assets	3,044,847	2,772,845
Profit before Taxation	23,308	20,289
Profit attributable to Shareholders	11,600	11,350

Shareholders: Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency,
National Commercial Bank (Saudi Arabia), Riyad Bank;
Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., Banque Nationale de Paris,
Deutsche Bank AG, National Westminster Bank PLC and Union Bank of Switzerland.

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To Booker McConnell Shareholders

Think of your future

These considerations outweigh all others:

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- Booker combined with Dee has substantially better prospects than an independent Booker.

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▲ *the benefit of higher earnings per share NOW — the equivalent of 2.0p per Booker share*

▲ *the opportunity of higher future growth in earnings per share*

▲ *recurring and substantial incremental earnings per share — these are only available from a merger*

Dee's offer is currently worth 274p per Booker share.

Why give Booker's management yet another chance at your expense?

Accept Dee's final offer *NOW*.

Acceptances must arrive before
3.00 pm on Friday 19th April 1985.

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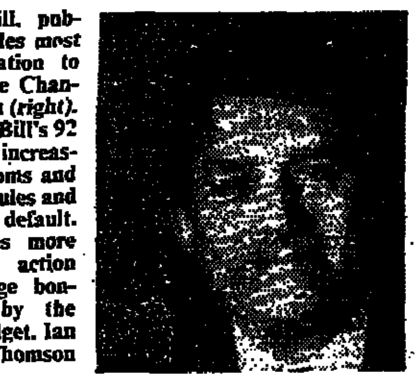
Lawson formula for tightening VAT grip

The 1985 Finance Bill, published yesterday, provides most of the detailed legislation to enact the Budget of the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson (right). More than a fifth of the Bill's 92 clauses are devoted to increasing the powers of Customs and Excise to enforce VAT rules and penalties for tho who default. The Bill also provides more information on the action against Stock Exchange bondwashing announced by the Treasury before the Budget. Ian Griffiths and Richard Thomson report.



Small businesses, sole traders and multinational companies alike will face a much tougher time from the VAT man if the proposals to widen the enforcement powers of Customs and Excise, unveiled in yesterday's Finance Bill, are made law.

Customs will be granted the right to impose financial penalties for breaches of the VAT rules, persistent late payers of their tax liability face additional surcharges, the scope of VAT inspectors to obtain information will be extended and the time which VAT records must be kept will be doubled from three to six years.

Mr James Dixon, a VAT partner with the accountants Ernst & Whinney, said: "People are going to have to pay much more attention to the small print on their VAT returns. The message is, get them in on time and get them right."

The proposals in the Finance Bill are based largely on the recommendations in the report of the Keith Committee on the Enforcement Powers of Revenue Departments. Draft clauses were published in November but it is only now that the full impact of the changes has been revealed.

One of the most wide reaching proposals is that a surcharge to be imposed on taxpayers who are persistently late with their VAT payments. The more frequent the defaults, the higher the rate of surcharge will be.

It is not clear from the Finance Bill whether the new rules will only apply to payments made after the proposals are enacted or whether the Customs and Excise will be able to refer to the taxpayer's record in the preceding year.

Assuming that taxpayers start with a clean sheet, it will be possible for payment to be made late on two occasions with a one year period without incurring the surcharge although a surcharge liability notice will be issued which only expires after a further year without default.

Any repetition of the offence will result in a surcharge of 5 per cent of the outstanding tax or £30, whichever is greater. For each subsequent offence the limit is increased by 5 per cent up to a maximum of 30 per cent.

The introduction of customs penalties for breaches of VAT rules is likely to cause controversy. Previously Customs were obliged to take taxpayers to court in order to impose financial penalties. This was often costly and time consuming.

However, the Finance Bill attempts to mitigate the impact of the wider enforcement powers by the inclusion of an all-embracing escape clause whereby taxpayers can offer as a defence that they 'exercised all due diligence and had a reasonable excuse for failing to comply with the VAT law

Some tax experts are already predicting that this widely drawn provision will result in a long queue to taxpayers pleading their innocence on these grounds.

VAT inspectors will be granted wider powers of investigation under the new provisions, particularly with reference to the supply of services.

In the past, the information which could be requested related to the amount of the consideration rather than the nature of the service provided. The new rules will allow information to be extracted on the nature of the service and VAT inspectors will also be allowed to seek information from third parties.

The proposal to extend the time for which VAT records must be maintained from three years to six years is also likely to attract criticism from traders. It will particularly affect small companies without computers which have limited storage space.

Interim curb on bond-washing

Attention in the City was focused yesterday on the Finance Bill's fuller details how forestalling on securities is to be limited until the new bond-washing provisions are introduced in February 1986.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, announced last February that the practice of bond-washing – turning interest into capital gains on securities – would end in a year. He did not, however, give full details of how it was to be treated before then.

The new rules countering bond-washing, under which interest on securities will be treated as accruing day to day, will apply to most interest-bearing securities.

However, to prevent investors trying to take advantage of the existing rules before next February, a forestalling charge is to be introduced.

For this, two amounts will be compared – the total interest that would have been received on the securities for the year ending February 27, 1986 if that interest had accrued from day to day, and 110 per cent of the total interest actually received from the securities in that year.

The amount by which the first amount exceeds the second will then be subject to a tax charge as normal income.

However, it is possible for investors to have their charge reduced, as long as the interest accrued over the year February 1985 to February 1986 exceed any interest received in the same period.

Another comparison is made. If the excess of interest accrued over interest received during the year is the average interest received over the previous three years, the taxpayer can claim complete exemption from any charge on interest on his securities.

How new CGT rules will apply

Further details were given yesterday on how the new indexation provisions on capital gains tax are to operate.

The details dealt mainly with the reintroduction of share pooling, which was effectively abolished in 1982 by indexation arrangements which made it impossible to operate.

Share pooling is the system under which all the shares of the same type held by an investor, for example, all those in the same company, are classed as a single asset. The new indexation rules will allow the cost of the shares to be averaged for indexation and tax purposes, even though shares in the pool may have been purchased at different times.

With the exception of deep discount bonds, some corporate bonds and certain offshore fund securities, shares acquired after April 6, 1982 can be pooled. Shares acquired before that date will have to be separately pooled.

To take the indexation allowance into account when an addition is made to the pool, the value of the pool before the transaction will e multiplied by the increase in the retail price index over the period from the previous transaction.

● Capital gains tax retirement relief which is currently available to individuals aged over 60 when selling a business or shares in a family trading company is to be extended. Individuals retiring below 60 because of ill-health will receive relief, and this will no longer taper towards 65 but will be fully available to the age of 65.

● The Finance Bill includes a provision not mentioned in the Budget speech empowering the Post Office to charge £2 for the issue of a temporary first driving licence. This is so that new vehicles can be put on the road quickly, as they need to be in rural areas.

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17th April 1985

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17th April, 1985

RUGBY UNION

Eager England will measure Italy's progress

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Italy's game against England B at Twickenham today marks another stepping-stone in the development of one of Europe's emerging rugby nations, a step almost as significant as that taken by Romania when they played a full international at Twickenham in January. An appearance at the ground generally regarded as the headquarters of the game has considerable significance for the FIRA countries.

Italy have played at Twickenham before, but not against a national side at senior level. Their schools side, however proved far from overawed when they beat England's 16-group side last month at Twickenham, and it is to be hoped that Italy offer their best today so that their progress can be properly judged.

They were third last season in group A of the FIRA championship, registering the same number of championship points as second-placed Romania. The two countries met at Brasov on Sunday, when an experimental Romania side won 7-6, so today's match could prove a valid yardstick, not only for Italy but for those English players on the verge of international honours, several of whom have the lure of a tour to New Zealand dangling before them.

Italy's light forwards are rumoured to be not what they were, and in recent matches they have depended almost exclusively on the boot of Bettarello, their stand-off half, for points. He is one of seven Italians who took part in the last senior encounter between the two countries, when an England Under-23 party toured Italy in 1982. The full Italian side beat the Under-23s 13-7 in Padua on that occasion and the whole back row, Artuso, Innocenti and the talented Zanon, remain from that day.

The only remaining Englishman is Halliday, the Bath centre, whose developing career was set back by an ankle injury last season. But several more members of that Under-23 side have gone on to win full caps: Martin, Underwood, Barnes, Dun and Teague, while two more, Cusani and Goodwin, toured, or shortly will, with England. Halliday was England's try-scorer in Padua and will hope to demonstrate his running ability today

The Italians, who trained yesterday at Lensbury, are likely to show flair in midfield but might struggle up front, although they have the 6ft 7in Colella to boster their lineout. When they return home, they have the game with the Barbarians in Rome on May 26 to look forward to, and the following month they are due to tour Zimbabwe.

Today's match will be well scrutinized by the England selectors, who have five vacancies to fill in their tour party. Those names will be announced after the five-nations game with Wales on Saturday. The Welsh squad, who trained on Monday evening, meet again today and on Friday, happier now that Norster, the Cardiff lock, has declared himself fit.

ENGLAND B: D Boyd (West Hartlepool); S Evans (Leicester), S Halliday (Bath), F Clough (Cambridge University and Orrell), M Harrison (Wakefield); D Johnson (Gosforth), R Moon (Nottingham); P Stiff (Bristol), B Moore (Nottingham, captain), R Lee (Bath), P Moss (Orrell), R Kimmins (Orrell), B Kidner (Coventry), P Buckton (Liverpool), G Robbins (Coventry). Replacements: J Buckton (Saracens), C Price (London Welsh), M Hannaford (Gloucester), M Whitcombe (Leicester), M Dixon (Fylde), K Moss (Wasps).
ITALY: S Ghizzoni (L'Aquila, captain); A Azzali (Parma), S Barba (Padua), L de Joanni (Benevento), M Venturi (Rovigo); S Bettarello (Rovigo), A Ghini (Parma); R de Bernardo (Padua), G Morelli (L'Aquila), G Rossi (Treviso), G Artuso (Padua), A Colella (L'Aquila), M Gardin (Padua), M Innocenti (Padua), G Zanon (Treviso). Replacements: G Pivetta (Sandona), A Galeazzo (Padua), M Pavin (Treviso), S Spinazzo (Padua), F Vittadello (Tregini Padua), S Zorzi (Treviso).

Referee: W Jones (Wales).

CRICKET

Gatting and Robinson win awards

Mike Gatting and Tim Robinson were yesterday named as England's outstanding batsmen on the recent tour of India by the party's manager Tony Brown, and each received £450 from Cornhill, the sponsors of the Test team.

Pat Pocock and Phil Edmonds, the spinners, share an award of the same value, while Graeme Fowler and Neil Foster have an award divided beween them: for their contributions to the victory in the Fourth Test in Madras.

Brown said: "Gatting was the major batsman in Test and one-day games. Robinson's consistency throughout the tour marked him down as a fine prospect."

David Gower, the tour captain, collected a cheque for £4,000 on behalf of the touring party, marking the 2–0 series win.

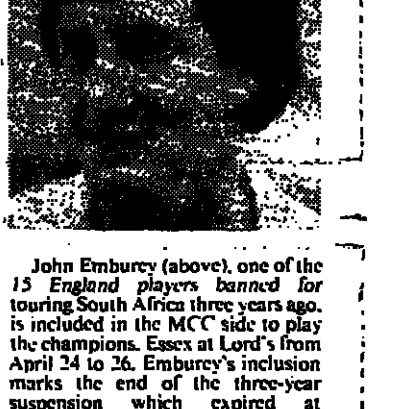
"Pocock and Edmonds gave the team's out-cricket an invaluable measure of control. Between them they bowled 500 overs for 27 wickets and their merit is not reflected in their figures."

The Test team's match fee for this summer's series with Australia will remain at the 1984 figure of £1,500. The only increase in the sponsorship goes to the umpires. Their cheque will be increased by £75 a match to £1,200 as part of Cornhill's inflation-linked deal, which will cost them £667,000 this year.

The prize money of a £5,000 win for either side, Player of the Match (£500) and Player of the Series (£1,000) are also the same as they were when West Indies visited last summer.

Cornhill are at present negotiating with the Test and County Cricket Board for a new term of sponsorship.

MCC pick Emburey as ban ends



John Emburey (above), one of the 15 England players banned for touring South Africa three years ago, is included in the MCC side to play the champions, Essex at Lord's from April 24 to 26. Emburey's inclusion marks the end of the three-year suspension which expired at midnight on Tuesday. He is the only "rebel" included, although Graham Gooch will be playing against him for Essex.

There is no place for Ian Botham, Colin Wells, of Sussex, having been given the role of all-rounder.

The team contains seven of the men who toured India, including the captian, David Gower. Emburey is joined by two Middlesex colleagues, Phil Edmonds and Norman Cowans, in attack.

MCC: R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire), M D Moxon (Yorkshire), D I Gower (Leicestershire, capt), R J Bailey (Northamptonshire), M J C Nicholas (Hampshire), C M Wells (Sussex), B N French (Nottinghamshire), P H Edmonds (Middlesex), J E Emburey (Middlesex), P J W Allot (Lancashire), N G Cowans (Middlesex).

Repton's familiar look

Schools cricket by George Chesterton

Within a week most schools will be preparing for their first matches with hopes high. Repton's prospects look favourable, with eight old colours returning. Richardson, their wicketkeeper-captain, advanced as a batsman on their January tour of Barbados. He should have good support from Stocks, who scored more than 700 runs last year, and from Pyne and Heathcote, who will open the attack.

Atherton, still only 17, captains a well balanced Manchester Grammar School. Last year he made more than 1,000 runs as an opener and took 61 wickets: achievements recognized by his selection for an England Schools Under-19 XI. Malvern, after a successful season in 1984, have only their four least experienced players left. Ferguson will lead the side and his priority will be to find spin bowlers.

King Edward's, Birmingham look to a good season with Willetts, an all-rounder who played last year for England Under-19 against Zimbabwe, as their captain. Heath, who played for Southern Schools, and Martin, who made more than 600 runs will also be back. Denstone lack fast bowlers in an otherwise well balanced nucleus of six returning, including their experienced captain, Swales.

At Uppingham, Leash is another wicketkeeper-captain. He will have only three old colours available, but two of these made up last year's genuinely fast opening attack. Skipper will open the batting as Rugby's captain for the second year, and he will be able to call on many of last year's young eleven. Oundle will be relying on promising colts from 1984, as will Cheltenham, where they are likely to select most of the eleven which won the Lord's Taverners Under-16 ESCA Trophy.

Their immediate neighbours, Dean Close, look like having a useful attack, but much will depend on their captain, Hemshall, when it comes to scoring runs. Stowe will be looking to Whitmore, who as an opening bowler took 49 wickets last year, despite missing nearly half the season through injury. There are only three other old colours, of whom Riley should make runs.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Semi-final replay
Manchester United v Liverpool (Maine Road, 7.45)

Scottish Cup
Semi-final replay
Dundee United v Aberdeen (Tynecastle)
Motherwell v Celtic (Hampden Park)
First division
Newcastle United v Coventry City
Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal (8.0)
Second division
Oxford United v Huddersfield
Third division
Derby County v Reading
Fourth division
Exeter City v Blackpool
Hereford United v Swindon Town
Mansfield Town v Stockport County
Northampton Town v Port Vale
Peterborough United v Aldershot
GOLA LEAGUE: Gateshead v Frickley Athletic; Kettering v Kidderminster; Weymouth v Nuneaton.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop v Stafford Rangers; Gainsboro v Hyde United. Cup final: First leg: Macclesfield v Rhyl.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Folkestone v R S Southampton; Gloucester v Fisher Athletic; Hastings v Fareham Town; Welling United v Alvechurch.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Sheffield United (7.0); Huddersfield v Notts County; Nottingham Forest v Newcastle. Second division: Hull City v Leeds (7.0); Scunthorpe v Doncaster; York City v Bolton (7.0)
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall v Oxford United (2.0), Reading v QP Rangers.
IRISH LEAGUE: Glenavon v Portadown (6 45).
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division: South Molesey v Hungerford Town; Newbury Town v Horsham
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Collier Row v Corinthian Casuals.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division (6 30): Abingdon United v Wantage Town; Almondsbury Greenway v Shortwood United; Bicester Town v Moreton Town; Didcot Town v Abingdon Town; Houslow v Rayners Lane (7.30); Morris Motors v Wallingford Town; Sharpness v Supermarine.
SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton v Ipswich (Eltham, 3.0).

RUGBY UNION

B INTERNATIONAL: England v Italy (Twickenham) 3.0.
CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Ebbw Vale (7.0); Bristol v Exeter (7.15); Camborne v Plymouth Albion (6.30); Clifton v Bath; Cross Keys v Neath (7.0); Llanelli v Maesteg (7.0); Newport v Pontypool (7.00); Pontypridd v Abertillery (7.0); Reading v Newbury (6.15); Tredegar v Penarth (7.0).
CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Newquay Hornets v Penzance Newlyn.
SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST MERIT TABLE: Plymouth Albion v Camborne
SEVENS: Esher floodlit tournament (Molesey Road, 6.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Halifax v Hull Kingston Rovers; Hull v Bradford Northern; Leigh v Barrow; St Helens v Hunslet; Workington Town v Widnes (6.30).
Second division: Sheffield Eagles v Keighley (6.30); Swinton v Rochdale Hornets (7.0); Whitehaven v Bridgend (6.0).

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Self-help fuels the East German powerhouse

*● For a nation of only 17 million people, East Germany has attained an extraordinary level of eminence in world sport. In a three-part series, **DAVID MILLER** examines how the authorities laid the foundations of this success, how it is nurtured and why so many of the country's athletes have achieved international greatness. Today, a look at the broad base of the sporting pyramid.*

There were chrysanthemums in a flowerpot in the middle of the crisp chequered tablecloth. The dark mat-tiled floor was as spotless as a hospital matron's pinny. "What would you like?" a smiling waitress inquired within moments of my taking a seat: wine was 65p a carafe, and beer 25p. The eight lanes of the ten-pin bowling hall vibrated with the unending thud-and-clatter of six-handed matches, and the scores blinked on individual computer screens. A hum of conversation conveyed an aura of contented well-being.

This was East Berlin's unrivalled Sports and Recreation Centre, a palace of leisure built four years ago in the industrial working-class district of Prenzlauerberg, with half a dozen swimming pools, two ice rinks, sauna, gymnasium and restaurants. None of the facilities cost more than 50p an hour, except bowling at about 75p a head. The place was packed with people aged from five to 75.

A myth exists outside the German Democratic Republic that they possess some kind of miracle machine by which world eminence has been achieved in sport: a technical, laboratory-orientated masterstroke of organization which coerces and manipulates compulsory volunteers towards ever greater performance in the hallowed name of Marxism. How else could this small nation of 17 million or so dominate world sporting events?

It needs no more than a week to discover that, while bureaucracy and science undoubtedly exploit and enhance every possible potential, the secret of East Germany's disproportionate triumphs is to be found quite simply in the character, created over several centuries, of a people who in 1945 inherited a pile of rubble and desolation. It may suit the alignment of Western thinking to interpret East Germany's success in political terms, but the miracle lies as much in the soul and the inclination of the people as in the political system that moulds and directs some of their actions. It is an echo of the post-war material miracle of West Germany, a triumph of the ethic of self-help favoured by the Thatcher Government.

Communist Germany does not deny the bourgeois 19th century foundations of much of sport. De Coubertin's recommendation that beyond the Olympic Games it is more important that everyone partakes of the advantages of Olympic culture in the modest setting of daily existence is widely quoted. Of 60 museums, six are devoted to sport and its history. Also quoted is the humanist Christopher Friedrich GutsMuths (1759-1829) whose *Gymnastics for the Young*, published in 1793, proclaimed that "all children should benefit from gymnastics". It should be remembered that 100,000 sportsmen took part in 1922 in Leipzig's first-ever Workers' Gymnastics and Sports Festival.

It would be an exaggeration to say that the 40-year postwar ascent has been the work of one man, but certainly the inspiration and energy for thousands of officials and competitors stemmed from Manfred Ewald the president of their Olympic committee. He was born in 1926: his father belonged to the anti-Fascist Communist underground, and Ewald was nearly executed in 1944. At 22 he was leader of the Free German Youth organization: at 28 he became Minister of Sport though it was not until three years later, in 1952, that serious competitive sport re-started. So powerful did the Sports Ministry (DTSB) become that they could in effect give instructions to the Government.

Partly through initially limited financial circumstances, partly through the character of the people, sport was a fertile ground on which to help rebuild the pride of the nation. Article 18 of the new constitution guaranteed the right to sport for any individual: all stadia became public and the use of facilities at the present 102,000 sports clubs is free. That figure includes 10,000 factory, or "enterprise", sports clubs as they are known.

Making a splash: Kornelia Ender receives the congratulations of her fellow members of the 400 metres medley relay team who took East Germany's first Olympic swimming gold medal at the 1976 Games

The statistics of the pyramid base of East German sport are astonishing, including 3.4 million club members (20.6 per cent of the population); 245,000 trained coaches; 329 stadiums; 196 indoor swimming pools (98 per cent, pared with under 50 per cent in Britain, of the population can swim); 9,918 outdoor sports grounds; 5,397 sports halls; 332 ski jumps; 1,668 athletic hostels; all supported by a 1984 government budget of £122 million. That is four times the British government's sports grant, as is the East German arts budget of £400 million. Anyone injured in sport receives free medical treatment. Travel to and from competition is free.

Such breadth of involvement could not conceivably be a State imposition, however much a central system makes it all possible. The national enthusiasm for sport is epitomized by the biannual Spartakiad games. From the merest villages, millions take part in the preliminary events, culminating in a final of 10,000 competitors in four times the number of competitions to be found at an Olympic Games. Television substantially covers such sports as rowing and canoeing. There is almost no family without a Spartakiad medal.

It was political exclusion in the early post-war years from the then Western-orientated sporting world that helped motivate the population. Barred from the 1952 Olympics, East Germany were admitted in 1956 in a joint team with West Germany. This produced controversy between Federal and Democratic states on who should provide the *chef de mission*. West Germany, never contemplating their neighbour's eventual rise, insisted it should be decided by who provided the more competitors, following joint eliminating trials. "We realized that if *we* could have the majority, with Manfred Ewald leading the opening ceremony march, then West Germany would pull out," says Klaus Huhn, a prominent sports journalist and founder of the esteemed Berlin-Prague cycle race. "That was our main motivation."

Wolfgang Behrendt became East Germany's first gold medallist, winning the bantamweight boxing in Melbourne. By 1964, in Tokyo, the Communists had the larger German contingent; a year later Avery Brundage, president of the IOC, accepted that there should be separate teams, though in Mexico the East Germans were still denied their own anthem. It was in Munich in 1972 that the "miracle machine" ultimately unleashed its strength with 20 gold medals, 23 silver and 23 bronze. The same happened in the Winter Olympics, where they took a total of 14 medals, an astonishing performance for a country without Alpine slopes or the money to spend months abroad. To compensate, they had invented plastic slopes.

Initiative is the key. "You cannot have success at the top if other areas are not working", says Norbert Rogalski, deputy director of education at the reknowned Leipzig College of Physical Culture. "For this reason, Government attention was directed at schools, working people and the armed forces. Officials from developing countries come to the college and ask how they can win medals. We say we can assist, but they have to develop the same system of a broad base, work hard, and the top level will appear. It took us 15 years. What can be said is that as a socialsit country we're obliged to offer every scope to those with talent."

Visiting the town of Zella Mehlis (population: 17,000) near the winter sports centre at Oberhof in the southern Thuringer Hills, I witnessed the degree of self-help through which talent emerges. The committee of the Robotron Club, sponsored by the local computer factory, met me in their tiny, home-built club house on a picturesque woodland hill: working men in their shirt-sleeves, as proud and dignified as if they were the New York Yacht Club. Round a glass of vodka or beer, they discussed their 1,530 spare-time members for bobsleighing, luge, skiing, football, handball, wrestling, table tennis, orienteering, tennis, fencing, swimming, gymnastics, wind surfing and forestry. Their specialities are Nordic skiing and wrestling. One of them told with a smile how he had taught Meinhard Nehmer, three times an Olympic bobsleigh gold medal winner.

"Last year, our sports men and women did 15 million hours of voluntary work," said Klaus Eichler, the new young deputy to Ewald, when we met in Berlin at the DTSB. The Ministry has a personable and energetic successor to Ewald. "The majority of our officials, trainers, referees and judges are voluntary, receiving a nominal 40 marks (£10) a month, enough to buy a bunch of flowers," he said. Eichler believes that this voluntary force is part of the national strength, but that an expanding economy will have an effect on living standards and personal financial security which will give East Germans even more time and interest to maintain international sporting improvement. "Increased education expands the desires for communication through sport," he said. "Our people now have 128 free days a year."

TOMORROW: The international pinnacle.

FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL UNCERTAIN WHETHER RUSH AND NICOL WILL BE FIT FOR SEMI-FINAL REPLAY

Trouble brews as the big battalions rejoin battle

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

For tonight's FA Cup semi-final replay between Liverpool and Manchester United, the wind may have fallen but the temperature will have risen. The conditions, so tempestuous and troublesome on Saturday at Goodison Park, are forecast to be relatively calm at Maine Road, but little else is likely to be as tranquil either on the pitch, or more worrying, off it.

It would be naive to expect that all the knives, flares and missiles that were wielded, fired and thrown three days ago will now be put away. Although extra precautions have been taken by the police, there is a genuine threat that another potentially memorable occasion will be disturbed by thugs.

The animosity that exists between a few idiotic louts hiding inside each set of supporters could again be spreading like poison. The tension that will inevitably grip their teams may also be stretched beyond breaking point. The stakes for which they will be playing could scarcely be higher.

The prize for the winner is an appearance at Wembley on May 18 in front of the eyes of the world. Although Liverpool are almost certain to take part in the European Cup final, there will be no compensation for the losers. Their domestic season will effectively have come to a cruelly abrupt end.

It already has for Moses, United's aggressive midfield ball-winner, who damaged an ankle two months ago. His absence might have been a severe setback, particularly as Robson was missing as well. Instead, Whiteside stepped in, scored three goals against West Ham United in the sixth round, and has since made the position his own.

The Northern Ireland youngster, yet to reach the age of 20, was arguably the player who caused Liverpool the most problems during the remarkable 2-2 draw. Galloping rather than running, he continually pierced the gaps around Neal, specially during the first half.

It is important for the champions, therefore, that Nicol returns in place of the thoroughly ineffective Lee to reduce the contribution of Whiteside. Nicol has been ruled out of the last three games with a calf strain and, although he has performed adequately with the reserves this week, Joe Fagan yesterday decided to delay his selection.

If he is forced to omit Rush, whose knee has been examined by a specialist, he will promote Walsh, the scorer of the dramatic equilizer in extra time on Saturday. United may be at full strength but the tie remains so finely balanced that the identity of Everton's opponents in the final may not be revealed tonight.

Since Liverpool are to visit Greece next week and World Cup fixtures fill the following week, a second replay, should it be required, cannot be staged until May 8.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; J Gidman, A Albiston, N Whiteside, P McGrath, G Hogg, B Robson, G Strachan, F Stapleton, M Hughes, J Olsen. Substitute: M Duxbury.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, J Beglin, S Lee, (or S Nicol), M Lawrenson, A Hansen, R Whelan, K Dalglish, I Rush, (or Walsh), K MacDonald, J Wark.

Aberdeen in pink for replay

Aberdeen, the Scottish Cup holders, will try again tonight to continue their history-breaking run in one of two replayed semi-finals. And luck is on their side – they are the only team to report a clean bill of health.

The manager Alex Ferguson's only problem is to decide between Doug Bell and Ian Angus for a midfield role against Dundee United at Tynecastle. The United manager Jim McLean must wait until shortly before kick-off to see if his injured trio, John Holt, Stuart Beedie and Richard Gough, are fit. Saturday's game at the same venue finished goaless.

At Hampden Park Celtic will look for the pride and passion that have stood them in good stead over the years to lift them into another final, this time at the expense of Motherwell. The manager, David Hay, upset by their display in Saturday's 1-1 draw with the first division Motherwell, is unable to decide his line-up because of injury.

Out are the left back Mark Reid and the central defender Pierce O'Leary; doubtful are the midfield player Murdo Macleod, who has a leg injury, and the captain Danny McGrain, who received a knock in training yesterday.

Motherwell will almost certainly be without the forward Rab Stewart, who has a pulled muscle, but hope that the captain Ally Mauchlen and Andy Walker will be fit. Jamie Doyle's hand is not broken, as was feared, and he will play.

Borussia manager moves on

Dortmund (Reuter) – The Borussia Dortmund manager, Erich Ribbeck, is to take over at Bayer Leverkusen next season in place of Dettar Cramer. Ribbeck's surprise announcement, the latest in a flurry of West German managerial moves, followed Monday night's home goalless draw with Waldhof Mannheim.

Ribbeck was assistant manager to the national team under Jupp Derwall, but resigned when Franz Beckenbauer became team manager. He took over at Dortmund last October with the aim of saving the side from relegation, and Borussia have puled clear of the relegation zone with 11 points in six games.

Leverkusen, backed by the huge Bayer pharmaceutical concern but supported by small crowds, have spent a small fortune on star names in the past few years without noticeable success.

Cramer, aged 60, who won the European Cup with Bayern Munich twice in the 1970s, is expecting to retire.

● UDINE: A local court heard an appeal here yesterday that it stopped Italian tax investigators from seizing the salary of the Brazilian player, Zico, who is being investigated for tax evasion (AP reports). The judge said a decision would be made within six days.

The judge investigating Zico's alleged wrongdoings is expected to decide by April 22 whether to drop charges against the Udinese player or make him stand trial.

Swiss lose Sulser and look to firm defence

Zurich (Reuter) – Switzerland are confident of overcoming the loss of their injured forward Claudio Sulser when they face the Soviet Union in Berne today in a World Cup match.

Paul Wolfisberg, their trainer, who has led the Swiss to the top of European qualifying group six with victories over Norway and Denmark, believes his team's well-organized defence will be the foundation of another impressive performance.

Wolfisberg said: "Sulser's absence, especially after his brilliant comeback against Czechoslovakia, is a heavy blow. But while the attack lacks punch without him, we still won against Norway and Denmark because our defence stood firm after we went ahead."

The Soviet Union, originally joint group favourites with Demark, languish at the botom of the section with only one point after a shock 1-0 defeat by Ireland and a drab 1-1 draw with Norway.

Like the Swiss – who are chasing their first appearance in the finals since 1966 – they are suffering from a goal-shy attack following the decline of their veteran forward, Oles Blokhin.

Eduard Malofeyev, their trainer, said: "Blokhin is sadly out of form and I have had to drop him from the regular team. He has been too inconsistent, but I will recall him should he find his touch again." Malofeyev is considering including Sergei Dimitrijev, aged 21, of Zenit Lenigrad. History favours the Soviet Union – they have never been beaten by the Swiss.

The Soviet squad have trained together for much of the six months since the 1-1 draw in Oslo

SWITZERLAND (probable): K Engel (Neuchatel Xamax), C in-Albon (Grasshoppers Zurich), A Egli (Borussia Dortmund), R Wehrli (Grasshoppers Zurich), H Luedi (FC Zurich), A Geiger (Servette), H Hermann (Grasshoppers Zurich), U Barberis (Servette), G Bregy (Sion), J-P Brigger (Servette), B Braschler (Saint-Gall).

SOVIET UNION (probable): R Dasayev (Spartak Moscow), T Sulakvelidze (Dynamo Tbilisi), S Borovsky (Dynamo Minsk), S Baltacha (Dynamo Kiev), A Demyanenko (Dynamo Keiv), Y Gavrilov (Spartak Moscow), S Gozmanov (Dynamo Minsk), S Aleynikov (Dynamo Minsk), G Litovchenko (Dnepr), O Protasov (Dnepr), S Stukashov (Dynamo Moscow).

Hungarians make a final effort

Vienna (Reuter) – Hungary meet Austria in a World Cup qualifying match today knowing victory will secure their place in next year's finals in Mexico.

Gyoergy Mezey, the manager, who has led the unbeaten Hungarians to the top of European group five, has yet to name his side, but it is certain to include Nyilasi, of Austria Vienna, and the wingers Szokolai and Esterhazy.

A win would give Hungary 10 points from five games and an unassailable lead in the group. But Mezey is not pursuing victory at all costs. He knows a draw could still prove enough with the Netherlands, second in the group, due to meet third-placed Austria next month.

Austria's new manager, Branko Elsner, in charge for his first World Cup match, knows his side need to win to have any realistic chance of qualifying as group winners. Anything less will probably leave them fighting for second place in the group and a chance to qualify for Mexico in a play-off.

Elsner, a Yugoslav, was brought in after the former manager, Erich Hof, resigned after Austria's 3-1 defeat by Hungary in Budapest last September, and he has already seen his side beaten 2-0 by the Soviet Union in a friendly.

Today his key men will be the forwards Krankl and Schachner, and the two Nyilasi's colleagues at Austria Vienna, Prohaska and the goalkeeper, Koncilia. Should Hungary win, they will become the first European country to earn a place in the finals.

AUSTRIA: Koncilia; Lainer, Weber, Pezzey, Brauneder, Hoermann, Prohaska, Jara, Willfurth, Schachner, Krankl.

HUNGARY (from): Disztl, Sallai, Garaba, Csuhay, Roth, Peter, Kardos, Nagy, Detari, Dajka, Kiprich, Bodonyi, Meszaros, Esterhazy, Szokolai, Nyilasi.

Group five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	4	4	0	0	9	3	8
Netherlands	4	2	0	2	9	4	4
Austria	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Cyprus	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

Monday's results

FOURTH DIVISION: Northampton 2, Hartlepool 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 1, Newcastle 1, Liverpool 2, Barnsley 0; Man City v Everton, postponed; Notts Co 1, Coventry 2; Stoke 0, Derby 0. Second division: Leeds 5, Sunderland 0; Leicester 7, Preston 0; Wolverhampton 1, Grimsby 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading 1 Millwall 1

GOLA LEAGUE: Altrincham 0, Telford 1; Dagenham 2, Runcorn 1; Bath 2, Weymouth 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Morecambe 3, Grantham 0; Marine 2, Witton 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby 2, Hastings 1; AP Leamington 1, Shepshed 5. Midland division: Hednesford 3, Bromsgrove 0; Redditch 2, VS Rugby 3. Southern division: Poole 1, Erith and Belvedere 0.

RUGBY FIVES

AMATEUR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Cyriax Cup: semi-final: Fuller and Hebden bt Heron and Howe 15-5, 15-9; Enstone and Wynn bt Partby and Schroeter 15-13, 15-9. Final: Fuller and Hebden bt Enstone and Wynn 15-5, 15-7.

Steve Gatting: out of action since November

Gatting has bone graft on specialist's advice

Brighton's defender Steve Gatting is to have a bone graft on the pelvis and hopes to be fully fit from the start of next season. Gatting, aged 25, has not played a senior match since November 10 and is having the operation on specialist's advice.

Meanwhile, Brighton's manager, Chris Cattlin, has extended the loan on the defender Martin Keowe from Arsenal to the end of the season. Keowe, aged 18, made his League debut at Manchester City two months ago and Cattlin was to sign him on a permanent basis.

● Jeremy Charles, of Oxford United, who was expected to miss the rest of the season after injuring his Achilles tendon against Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday, could be back in action within three weeks.

Charles saw a doctor on Monday and Jim Smith, Oxford's manager, said yesterday: "The injury is not so serious as first thought. He will be out for a couple of weeks but could return sooner than expected."

Charles has been deputizing in the forward line for the injured Billy Hamilton but with the central defenders Gary Briggs and Malcolm Shotton only one booking away from suspension, the Welsh international could be needed as cover at the match.

● Oldham Athletic's long serving defender Gary Hoolickin will test a knee injury in a reserve game on Thursday and he could be in line for a return to the first team in Saturday's game against Oxford following his eight week absence. Their recent £35,000 signing from Stoke City, Brendan O'Callaghan, is still struggling with a thigh strain and has been ruled out of the match.

● Everton's opponents in the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final, Bayern Munich, are hoping to have their captain, Klaus Augenthaler, back in time for the second leg on April 24 following surgery on his left knee.

Augenthaler, aged 27, was operated on by a Swiss specialist on Sunday in Zurich. Surgery was needed to correct a small cartilage growth in the player's left knee.

Bayern and Everton, leaders in the West German and English first divisions, drew 0-0 in the first leg

Liverpool's opponents in the European Cup semi-final, Panathinaikos, will be without Michael Gerothodoros in the second-leg on April 24 because of a one match suspension by UEFA.

Spurs take a gamble

David Leworthy, a forward who was playing for Fareham Town in the Southern League last season, makes his first-team debut for Tottenham Hotspur in tonight's game with their local rivals, Arsenal.

His inclusion was described yesterday by Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager, as "a bit of a gamble", although the 22-year-old has scored 24 goals in 29 reserve team games and 11 more in friendlies.

A win at White Hart Lane would give Tottenham the double over Arsenal but, more importantly, narrow the gap on the League leaders, Everton.

The omens look good for Leworthy. On Saturday he scored a goal for Tottenham reserves in their 1-1 draw with Arsenal, and his wife gave birth to a son.

As well as the inclusion of Leworthy for Crooks – whom Shreeves has dropped, describing him as "a little jaded in recent games" – Tottenham bring in Chiedozie.

Nothing can halt the blue tide of Everton

By Peter Ball

Everton 4
West Bromwich Albion 1

Everton's progress looks increasingly unstoppable. The only qualm about proclaiming them champions is that they might have used their full quota of luck at Goodison Park last night as they beat West Bromwich to go seven points clear of Manchester United at the top. Sharp's goal from a harsh late penalty was the last in a serious of blows to the visitors, who were the better side for long periods.

Such is Everton's confidence at the moment that even injuries apparently caused little interruption in their inexorable progress. When Reid and Sheedy missed games recently Richardson came in to score important goals.

This time Mountfield, previously an ever-present and the scorer of Saturday's extra-time winner in the FA Cup semi-final which kept his team on course for the treble, was the absentee with a knee ligament strain.

It took his replacement Atkins only 150 seconds to continue the pattern in his home debut after his £70,000 transfer from Sunderland in November. The goal initially was the work of Steven, who robbed Cowdrill as he intercepted Reid's free-kick and hit a deep cross. Gray headed it back and Atkins pivoted to hook it past Godden from close range.

Against a middle-of-the-table team such early evidence of superiority should have been the start of a championship display. Instead it apparently induced a lazy over-confidence and only the alertness of Southall prevented a most embaarrassing scoreline appearing in the next 20 minutes as West Bromwich carved their way through a lackadaisical defence almost at will.

West Bromwich were the team playing the championship football, but as well as style, successful teams need luck and a sharp cutting edge. Everton had both in the 27th minute as they increased their lead.

Robertson, who was already limping and was soon to be replaced, delayed his pass back to Godden too long. Sharp pounced and stabbed it past the unfortunate goalkeeper to give the scoreline an even more misleading look.

The crowd called for Sheedy and their saviour on Saturday stepped up to repeat his score. This time his shot deflected off the advancing wall to loop over a helpless Godden.

Had West Bromwich thrown in the towel there and then it would have been completely forgivable. Just after the hour, however, they at last received some return for their efforts as Robson drove the ball across goal and Grealish turned it home from four yards. That time even Southall could not interfere.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, I Atkins, P Reid, T Steven, G Sharp, A Gray, P Bracewell, K Sheedy.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: A Godden; J Nicholl, B Cowdrill, S Hunt, M Bennett, A Robertson, S Mackenzie, G Thompson, G Robson, A Grealish, C Valentine.

Referee: J McAulay.

Yesterday's results

FIRST DIVISION: Chelsea 3, Aston Villa 1; Everton 4, West Bromwich Albion 1; Luton Town 3, Norwich City 1; Sunderland 0, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Watford 3, Ipswich Town 1.

SECOND DIVISION: Birmingham City 3, Crystal Palace 0; Charlton Athletic 0, Sheffield United 0; Wimbledon 1, Fulham 1.

THIRD DIVISION: Bristol Rovers 4, Burnley 0; Millwall 2, Cambridge United 1; Newport County 0, Bradford City 1; Orient 0, Brentford 1; Plymouth Argyle 2, Lincoln City 0; Walsall 0, Gillingham 1.

FOURTH DIVISION: Torquay United 1, Colchester United 1; Tranmere Rovers 1, Chester City 0; Wrexham 2, Chesterfield 0.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Quarter-final: Bolton Wanderers 2, Darlington 1.

WELSH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Shrewsbury Town 2, Swansea City 1 (Shrewsbury win 4-3 on aggregate).

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers 1, Dunfermline Athletic 1; Berwick Rangers 0, Montrose 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Portsmouth 2, Crystal Palace 2; Chelsea 3, Southampton 1; Fulham 0, Arsenal 6; Swindon 2, Luton 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Melrose 15, Hawick 13; Rugby 8, Northampton 16; South Wales Police 21, Newbridge 12.

ICE HOCKEY

US happy to settle for fourth place

Prague (AP): – The Soviet Union, despite the absence of the veteran forward Helmut Balderis, are clear favourites at the world championship, starting here today. The three-week tournament, involving the world's top eight teams, will open with the United States facing the Russians at the Winter Sports Hall.

While the Soviet Union, who have dominated the world event for the past few years, are expected to win by a wide margin, American team officials hope there team will do well. Val Drumble, their leader, said: "We'll be there, sure." When asked whether a draw against the Soviet Union would be regarded a success, he replied with a chuckle: "Oh yes."

Drumble and other US team officials are hopeful that in the next two days some leading players of national hockey league teams eliminated in the Stanley Cup play-offs will arrive to reinforce the squad. "We hope to end up fourth in the championship", he said, an ambitious forecast, considering the strong opposition from the Canadians, the Swedes, the Finns and the East and West German teams.

Czechoslovakia, as in previous tournaments, are expected too clinch the runner-up position. However, upsets cannot be ruled out, judging by the West Germans, not rated strong enough to make the top four, who held the Soviet Union to a sensational 3-3 tie in one of two warmup games.

Czechoslovakia will miss Petr Klima, an outstanding forward, who broke a finger and suffered other injuries against the Swedes. The Canadian head coach Doug Carpenter, aged 42, said: "If we can get to the play-offs, that is among the top four teams in he tournament, then we arre in a one-game situation and anything can happen."

The Canadians are also waiting for reinforcements from Stanley Cup dropouts, but Carpenter seemed to be unsure whether all the men he wants will actually show up. In a Czechoslovak newsapaper he was quoted as saying "It depends on the will of the players rather than the need of the team."

With only 15 players on hand and few National League players available, the Americans first lost 7-6 to the West Germans, then rallied to trounce them 8-3. So far, nine league men have arrived in Prague along with players chosen from college teams.

Drumble suggested that the player he would like most to join the team is the goaltender Tom Barrasso of the Buffalo Sabres.

The Soviet team has the core of the strongest and most experienced Soviet National League squad – the Central Army Sports Club or TSKA.

Most of the other players on the national squad are taken from Dynamo Moscow, who were second in the championship.

ATHLETICS

Victory salute: Smith still the champion of Boston

Boston's fading image

New York (Agencies) – Only the appearance of Britain's Geoff Smith stood between the Boston marathon and a complete boycott of the event by the world's leading distance runners on Monday. Smith, a former Liverpool fireman, aged 31, had to stop with cramp at 19 miles but went on for victory in the slowest winning time for eight years.

For more than 85 years, free beer and a chance to wear the laurel wreath was enough to draw the world's best athletes to the event. But now, since it refuses to offer prize-money, the world's oldest annual marathon is becoming a fading image in the sport.

Smith recorded 2hr 14min 05sec – five minutes ahead of the runner-up and three and a half minutes slower than his winning time last year – to become the first competitor in 21 years from outside the United States to win the event in successive years. He had come, he said, to break Steve Jones's world record and gain a lucrative shoe contract but the leg cramps which forced him out of the Olympic marathon last year hit him hard, seven miles from the end as he went up Heartbreak Hill.

The leading athletics have declined to run because the beer and the wreath do not compare with the prize-money on offer at other marathons around the world. The first stage in the decline came in 1981 when the International Amateur Athletic Federation approved a trust fund deal. The IAAF permitted The Athletics Congress, the ruling body in the United States, to allow athletes to receive cash prizes and appearance money, provided it was set aside in trust funds.

Without sustantial money on offer, many top athletes will not compete and the winning performances are certain to be tarnished. For may observers, Boston appears to be headed along that path

BOXING

Eternity is eight minutes in the ring with Hagler the marvellous

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Las Vegas

It was a "war", as Marvin Hagler had said it would be. And it lasted only eight minutes. But such was its intensity that to the two boxers it must have been an eternity. Even those who had seen the great champions of the past, many of whom were assembled round the ring here at Caesar's Palace, said that never had they seen a championship begin with such unbridled violence.

It was almost impossible to breathe while it lasted. At the end of the eight minutes, with the third round two minutes and one second old, Thomas Hearns, of Detroit, was stretched out on the floor looking up at the lights and wondering how he had got there. Marvelous Marvin was still the undisputed world middleweight champion.

Here was a new and more terrifying champion than the world had seen before; one who was on his way to the greatness that he had craved. Four more defences and he will break Carlos Monzon's record of 14. "This was a sweet victory", the 30-year-old champion said. "I wanted to do better than Sugar Ray Leonard."

The computer showed that Hagler had unleashed 173 punches in the three rounds, 96 of which landed on target; Hearns had launched 166, of which 94 found the mark. The ferocity of Hagler's attack can be gauged from the fact that he threw only 12 jabs against Hearns's 57, which means that the champion wasted no time at all in looking for openings. Hagler fired an average of 58 shots a round, Hearns 57, of which 32 and 31 connected respectively.

As in all wars, it was as much a triumph of planning back in the gym by Hagler and his two managers as it was of flawless execution. The strategy had been to cut out manoeuvres and reduce Hearns's share of the ring to the minumum through an all-out assault.

The plan worked. Hearns was forced to fight either with his back to the ropes or while in a corner, powerless to find room to generate enough leverage to work his long arms to the full. In the end these long arms of the 6ft 1in challenger became more of a liability than an asset. As his legs gave way, his arms seemed to whirl him round the ring.

The battle was won and lost in the first round. "I had to protect myself," Hearns said. "I had to show him I was something special. Marvin wanted to show me he was bigger than me and I had to do the same. That is why I fought like that."

Hagler, though succeeding in his mission of stamping on Hearns in the first round, received a gash on his forehead which pumped blood throughout the contest. But so complete was the champion's authority that even a dangerous puncher like Hearns was unable to capitalize on that injury.

Hearns suffered greater damage in that first round. His balance was gone and as Hagler threw looping lefts and rights from below and on top, the challenger's legs protested at having to carry his 159lb 12oz frame deeper into battle.

These links could neither take him out of trouble nor give him the purchase he badly needed to launch his deadly right hand.

Hagler knew at the end of the second round that he was near to victory. "At the end of that round he went back to his corner real slow," the champion siad. The referee stopped the bout in the third round to consult the doctor about the cut on Hagler's head. Dr Donald Romeo allowed the hostilities to continue on the grounds that the blood was not impairing Hagler's vision. "I knew then that I had to get the job done quicker." Hagler recalled.

The southpaw champion changed to an orthodox stance when the round resumed and caught Hearns with a hard left. He followed up with a right that spun Hearns round. Another two right hands completed the job.

This victory over the 26-year-old light-middleweight champion was so total that few can deny Hagler greatness. It should also end the argument of whether Leonard would have succeeded where the hard-hitting Detroit man had failed. Leonard had taken 14 rounds to beat Hearns three years ago.

● Hagler was guaranteed $5.6 million for his eight minutes work – $7,000 a minute – and Hearns $5.4 million, with income from closed-circuit television likely to swell both purses to $9 million and $8 million.

● Caracas (AFP) - Khaosai Galaxy, of Thailand, will make a second defence of his World Boxing Association light bantamweight title against the former WBC champion, Rafael Orono, of Venezuela, on June 1 on the island of Aruba

Putting the hit into the Hit Man of Detroit: Hearns stops a bullet from Hagler

CYCLING

The leader with the rear wheel in the air

By John Wilcockson

Malcolm Elliott retained his overall leadership of the Sealink International after the first two road races stages yesterday, but he lived through some anxious moments. Last night in St Helens he was well placed to win the 29-mile circuit race when his gears slipped and his rear wheel leapt in the air as he began the finishing sprint. This allowed Phil Thomas to win the stage from his team-mate, Joseph McLoughlin with Elliott in fifth place. In the morning stage he also lived through a difficult finish.

Elliott did not have time to identify in the break two amateurs, Henk Boeve, of the Netherlands, and Dan Frost, of Denmark, who had performed well in Monday night's prologue. The others to catch Williams were the professionals Keith Lambert and Mark Walsham and the England amateur, Adrian Timmis. The aging legs of the 37-year-old Lambert proved too fast in the first-place sprint for the 22-year-old Walsham, one of Elliott's team-mates.

Eleven seconds ticked by before Elliott easily won the field sprint outside Rochdale's town hall. "Who was in the break?" Elliott, clearly worried, asked. When the computations had been made he had maintained a five-second lead on Boeve and Frost.

The victims of the stage included two new professionals, Mark Bell and Gary Sadler, and an Irish amateur, Gary Thomson. They were in a group of eight riders who lost six minutes after being dropped on the steep hill out of Holmbridge, a first-category climb where the England amateur, Paul Watson, surprisingly outsprinted a former Tour de France professional, Graham Jones, to take the lead in the King of the Mountains competition.

STAGE ONE: Rotherham to Rochdale (47): 1, K Lambert (Falcon), 2hr 3min 16sec; 2, M Walsham (Raleigh); 3, A Timmis (England); 4, M Williams (Bilton-Condor); 5, H Boeve (Netherlands); 6, D Frost (Denmark), all same time; 7, M Elliott (Raleigh), at 11 sec; 8, P Thomas (ANC), same time.

OVERALL: 1, Elliott, 2hr 7min 53 sec; 2, Boeve, at 5 sec; 3, Frost, same time; 4, J McLoughlin (ANC), at 6 sec; 5, Timmis, at 8 sec; 6, A Doyle (RMC), at 8 sec.

MOTOR RACING

Johansson replaces Arnoux at Ferrari

By John Blunsden

Stefan Johansson has been chosen to replace René Arnoux in the Ferrari team for the rest of this season. The Swedish driver, aged 28, is due to test the latest car at Ferrari's private test track at Fiorano later today and to race it for the first time in the Portuguese Grand Prix at Estoril on Sunday.

The news of Arnoux's departure is not entirely unexpected. For the past year he has had muscular problems which has prevented him from producing his best in the cockpit. His sudden departure, however, after a credible fourth place in Brazil 10 days ago, has also followed a reported difference of opinion with Enzo Ferrari, who, in his 88th year, is still very much at the helm at his team's Modena headquarters.

This would have been Arnoux's third year with the Italian team, for whom he scored three grand prix victories, all of them in 1983. Previously he achieved four outright victories with Renault, two each in 1980 and 1982. It was with Renault that Arnoux emerged as someching of a qualification specialist, claiming pole position 14 times before adding another four fastest times in Ferrari.

For Johansson, a Ferrari contract means a complete about-turn in fortunes because as a Toleman driver he seemed destined to remain on the sidelines this year, prevented from racing by a lack of tyres. In Brazil he stood in for Stefan Bellof in the Tyrrell team, but this was only because Bellof incurred a one-race suspension from Ken Tyrrell for disciplinary reasons and Johansson happened to be on hand at the track.

In signing Johansson, Ferrari have secured one of the brightest young talents in Formula One, a driver who, along side Michele Alboreto, will inevitably reinforce the view that this is the team most likely to interrupt the current Marlboro McLaren domination of the Formula One scene. His progress in Estoril this weekend will be watched with particular interest.

Out and in: Arnoux (left) and Johansson

SNOOKER

Fagan regains touch and composure

Patsy Fagan ended several lean years in snooker with a comprehensive 10-6 first round Embassy World Championship win over the twelfth seed, Willie Thorne, in Sheffield yesterday.

Fagan, who only this season recovered from a strange nervous complaint which made him incapable of using the rest, was a 5-2 underdog to win the match even yesterday morning, when he held an overnight lead of five frames to four.

But Thorne, aged 31, from Leicester, who won his first big title in January, swiftly realised the bookies were wrong, as the London based Irishman won three of yesterday's first four frames to lead 8-5.

Thorne won the fourteenth frame 89-33, but failed to pot a difficult blue to surrender the next 67-57, Fagan clearing to the black while knocking in two brilliant shots with the rest he used to dread.

Fagan fell behind 32-41 in the sixteenth frame, but Thorne missed one of the three reds left and Fagan coolly made a clearance of 40 to the black for his victory.

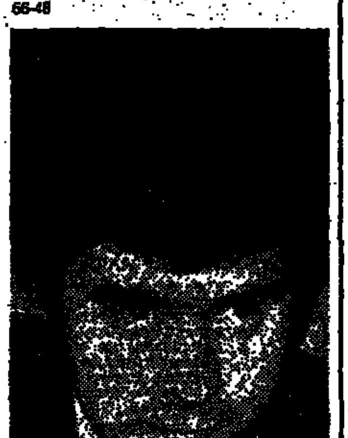
Fagan, ranked No 36 in the world, had to come through two qualifying rounds to reach the last 32 and will now meet Ray Reardon in the second round.

John Spencer went out of the championship and lost his place in the top 16. Spencer, aged 49, three time the world champion, bowed out 10-3 in the first round to John Parrott, aged 20, who beat the world No 2 Tony Knowles, at the same stage last year.

Spencer, among the top 16 seeds since the ranking list was first drawn up in 1977, was 2-7 behind overnight after pulling back from 0-48 with a break of 56, he missed a simple yellow and Parrott mopped up, to lead 8-2. Spencer, who as to take steriods to counteract and eye muscle disorder, made a break of 71 in the next frame but Parrott responded with 55, as he won the thirteenth frame 91-2.

Bill Werbeniuk, of Canada, who has not won a match in a big tournament all season, and is in danger of losing his place in the 16, also returned to form as he took a 6-3 lead over the Bradford qualifier, Joe Johnson.

FIRST ROUND: J Parrott bt J Spencer 10-3. Second session frames (Parrott first): 68-56, 18-71, 64-34, 91-2. P Fagan (Ire) bt W Thorne 10-6. Second session frames (Fagan first): 89-31, 72-33, 66-17, 41-78, 33-89, 67-57, 72-41. B Werbeniuk (Can) leads J Johnson 6-3. First session frames (Werbeniuk first): 35-64, 78-7, 76-37, 61-30, 64-6, 35-66, 69-28, 7-68, 66-48



Fagan: affliction overcome

GOLF

Langer's slow play fine stands

From Mitchell Platts Augusta

Bernhard Langer, the new US Masters champion, has lost the chance to appeal against a $500 (about £385) fine for slow play imposed during the Tournament Players' Championship at the Players' Club, Ponte Vedra, almost three weeks ago.

The West German was fined for exceeding the mandatory 45 seconds allowed for each shot after his group were warned for losing their place on the course during the second round.

Langer immediately decided to lodge an appeal, but he has lost the chance on a technicality because he failed to provide written evidence within the 24 hours stipulated by the US PGA tour.

Steve Rankin, a US tour official, said: "Bernhard did not comply with the rules laid down by the tour, and so he must pay his fine."

During the US Masters final round at Augusta, Langer was criticized for his slow play by Jack Nicklaus during the live television coverage. Langer, surprised on hearing about Nicklaus's comments, said "I do not want to be fined again, so I will make every effort to play faster. But if I am keeping my place on the course then I shall take as much time as I consider necessary before making a shot."

After he was fined for slow play at the TPC, Langer commented: "If it had been Jack Nicklaus in my position, then I am certain that no fine would have been imposed." Langer is competing in the Sea Pines Heritage Classic which starts at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, tomorrow, where Nick Faldo is the defending champion.

TENNIS

Britons warm to a new season

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

There are rare days when the British tennis scene looks rosy. Yesterday was one such. The Vanderbilt indoor club at Shepherds Bush, smartly renovated during a year under new ownership, was reopened. The Lawn Tennis Association's five-week spring circuit got off the mark with the British Home Stores tournament at Hampstead. It was sunny, too: just the weather to kindle dreams in the young and memories in the rest of us.

Charles Swallow, who has been unreasonably good at a variety of racket games, is the Vanderbilt's managing director. There are five courts and seven coaches, plus video equipment and facilities for snooker, table tennis, dancing, acrobics, exercising on machines and refreshing body and soul with sauna, jacuzzi, food, drink, chess, and physiotherapy.

The Vanderbilt is a modern version of the West End sporting and social clubs, which is quite a transformation for one-time exhibition halls that, during the world wars, were used for the manufacture of tents and parachutes.

The dear old Cumberland Club up at Hampstead has also changed a lot, but still retains the poetry of daffodils. This can be an expensive tournament to watch, because unless one arrives early the parking fee may be £10 (fixed penalty). But there are plenty of compensations, not least the presence of two old chums who once embellished the international circuit: Bob Carmichael, who is looking after four young men from Australia, and Birger Folke, who is in charge of six Swedish girls. We can only speculate about which of them is having the most fun.

Yesterday, it was difficult to ignore an analogy between the exotic rabbits at play in a garden beside court one and the talented youngsters, dashing about on the other side of the fence. But everyone has to start somewhere and the Cumberland Club is as good a place as any.

The top seed, Simon Youl, was given a tough match by Peter Moraing of West Germany. Youl's Australian compatriot, Mark Kratzman, the world junior champion, survived two match points against Leighton Alfred, of Newport. Two other British players, David Felgate and Michael Walker, came from behind to earn second round matches with Kratzman and Youl respectively.

Kate Brasher, who tries to maintain a decent ranking in spite of London University studies in history, politics, and economic theory, led Helena Olsson, of Sweden, by 6-4, and 5-2, had a match point at 5-4 but eventually spent two hours and 34 minutes on court. Never mind, Miss Brasher won: and she needed the match-play.

The top seed, Annette Gulley, of Australia, was rigourously tested by a Swede, Annelli Bjork. Jane Wood, who holds two of Britain's three junior chapionships, was beaten by a Romanian, Daniela Moise. The longest legs on view were those of Pascale Etchemendy, who beat Isabelle Crudo in an all-French match that ended with an exchange of kisses.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: D Felgate bt C Allgardh (Swe), 7-6, 7-5; D Imonite (Nigeria) bt L Rusnek (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; M Walker bt P Flynn (Aus), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; D Stone (US) bt P Russell, 6-4, 6-3; L Morris (US) bt C Kennoda, 6-4, 6-3; S Youl (Aus) bt P Moraing (WG), 6-2, 5-7, 5-4, P Johnston (Aus) bt B Knapp, 6-2, 6-4; J Bates bt C Martin, 6-3, 6-2; M Kratzman (Aus) bt L Alfred, 1-6, 7-6, 7-5; P Lundgren (Swe) bt A Brice, 6-1, 6-2; C Bradnam bt D Langaskens (Bel), 6-0, 6-1; N Fulwood bt M Baroch (Aus), 6-1 7-5

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: E Ekblom (Swe) bt N Guerre (Fr), 6-0, 6-2; D Moise (Rom) bt J Wood, 6-4, 2-6, 6-0; K Brasher bt H Olsson (Swe), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; M Remach (SA) bt P Rochat (Switz), 6-1, 6-3; P Etchemendy (Fr) bt I Crudo (Fr), 6-4, 6-0; C Cohen (Switz) bt B Borneo, 6-3, 6-3; A Gulley (Aus) bt A Bjork (Swe), 6-4, 7-6; A Olsson (Swe) bt E Krapl (Switz), 7-5, 6-4

BOWLS

Leeman's promise underlined

By Gordon Allan

John Leeman, who announced his promise by winning the national under-31 championship at Hartlepool last month, reached the final of the Lombard Champion of Champions indoor tournament at the Tye Green club, Harlow, yesterday. He will meet John Ottaway, an England player, from Norfolk. In the semi-finals, Leeman beat Garry Little 21-18 and Ottaway beat Don Crawford 21-17.

Statistically, both matches were close but Leeman's was the closer. Leeman, who plays at Stanley in co Durham, is a protege of Tom Buller, a former national outdoor singles champion, and their styles on the green are almost identical. So are their placid natures, and Leeman needed that quality against Little, who comes from Durham but now plays at Cambridge Park, Twickenham.

It was neck and neck, or bowl and bowl, for most of the time. At 19-17 in Leeman's favour, Little bowled a loose end at which he scored one shot and ought to have scored more. Leeman, sensing his good fortune, made no mistake at the next end, planting two woods on the jack which proved immovable.

Ottaway led 20-13 against Crawford, an old soldier at the game who played for England 15 years ago. But Crawford, with the benefit of a brilliant trial that brought him three shots, kept Ottaway hanging around. Crawford's line was less steady than Ottaway's and that probably influecned the result more than anything else.

In the quarter-finals, Leeman, at 20 the youngest of the eight players, beat Richard Hart 21-9. Hart was runner-up to Tony Allcock in this championship last year. Leeman scored a four and three threes which gives a fair idea of the run of play.

Little beat Richard Joyes, a traffic policeman from Weston-super-Mare, 21-15, which suggests that the traffic was not all one way. Ottaway beat Jim McCambridge 21-15 and Crawford beat Bill Rodham 21-16.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Leeman (Stanley, co Durham) 21, R Hart (Essex County) 9; G Little (Cambridge Park, Twickenham) 21, R Joyes (Woodspring, Weston-super-Mare) 15; J Ottaway (Wymondham Dell) 21, J McCambridge (Exonia) 15; D Crawford (Century, Wembley) 21, W Rodham (Hammeram, Harrogate) 16. Semi-finals: Leeman 21, Little 18; Ottaway 21, Crawford 17

BADMINTON: The world champion, Icuk Sugiarto, is suffering from an anke injury, two months before he has to defend his title at the 1985 championships in Calgary.

SQUASH RACKETS

Just like the old days for Harvey

By Colin McQuillan

Neil Harvey, in some ways the forgotten man of British squash, returned to prominence yesterday at Dunnings Mill, East Grinstead, when he removed Jamie Hickox, the national under-23 closed champion, from the opening round of the Davies & Tate British Open Championship.

Harvey has been troubled by severe groin and leg injuries this season and has slipped from fifth position in the rankings because of a lack of results. He has played regularly for Tyrella, his premier league team, but in considerable discomfort. To beat Hickox, a gifted stroke player generally recognized as possessing an entertaining and successful big-match temperament, in the premier event of the year, is an impressive way to make a comeback.

It was plain from the way Harvey won the first game, 9-2, that he was moving fluently and attacking more positively than in recent months. He faltered against the stretching boasts with which Hickox won the second and third games for only five points, but gathered momentum to take the last two games 9-6, 9-1

Illustrative of the gap between domestic and international standards was the sight of Hickox struggling against a man he obviously underrated, while on the neighbouring court, David Lloyd, the British Under-21 Open champion, was efficiently eclipsing Steve Bateman, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2. Against a well-known opponent of considerably less natural ability, Lloyd impassively refused to relinquish iron concentration even when officials invaded his court at game point in pursuit of a large black moth.

Danny Lee, the young Surrey player who lost to Hickox in the Under-23 closed British final, but who has earned increasing stature on the international tournament circuit, also showed steely determination to beat Gogi Alladdin.

MEN: First round (GB unless stated): D Lloyd bt S Bateman, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2; K Smith (Aus) bt R Forde, 9-0, 9-3, 2-9, 9-3; N Harvey bt J Hickox, 9-2, 1-9, 4-9, 9-6, 9-1; C Dittmar (Aus) bt D Khan (Pak), 9-3, 9-1, 9-3; S Hailstone (SA) bt A Foley, 9-5, 9-3, 2-9, 3-9, 6-5 ret; F Johnsson (Swe) bt S Vocem (Aus), 1-9, 7-9, 9-1, 10-9, 9-1; M Saad (Egypt) bt B Almstrom (Swe), 9-3, 9-6, 10-9; S Davenport (NZ) bt J Le Lievre 9-4, 7-9, 9-1, 9-4

WOMEN: First round: M MacFie bt E Ferry (Aus), 10-8, 9-1, 9-1; N Spurgeon bt S Stone, 9-1, 9-1, 9-7; H Wallace bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth), 9-2, 9-1, 9-2; M Byrne (Ire) bt B Boddington, 9-4, 9-0, 9-5; K Butterworth bt B Lowens (Ire), 9-2, 9-4, 9-1; R Blackwood (NZ) bt W Cole, 9-2, 9-0, 9-0; J Miller (Aus) bt F Geaves, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; R Bodford (Aus) bt J Tuomey, 9-4, 9-1, 9-0; R Friday (Aus) bt C Robarts (SA), 9-0, 9-0, 9-2; M Toon (Aus) bt F Roberts, 9-0, 9-7, 9-10, 4-9, 9-4

FOR THE RECORD

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK LEAGUES
FINAL TABLES

Men's first division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
[illegible]	18	17	1	52	7	52
Scottish Farm	18	16	2	48	17	50
[illegible]	18	15	3	50	10	48
[illegible] C	18	12	6	39	26	42
Dundee K	18	8	10	30	39	34
Falkirk	18	7	11	25	37	32
[illegible]	18	6	12	26	41	29
Glasgow Gregg	18	4	14	19	42	26
[illegible] Travel	18	4	14	18	44	26
[illegible]	18	1	17	9	51	18

Women's first division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Scottish Farm	18	17	1	53	12	52
[illegible]	18	16	2	51	10	50
[illegible]	18	15	3	46	18	48
Auchentoshen	18	10	8	37	33	38
Inverclyde	18	8	10	32	37	34
Larbert	18	8	10	31	39	34
Whitburn	18	8	10	32	38	33
Carluke	18	5	13	25	45	28
Jets	18	2	17	12	52	22
West Coast	18	1	17	13	53	19

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA. American League: Chicago White Sox 6 Boston Red Sox 5 (11 innings); California Angels 5, Minnesota Twins, 6; Oakland A's 7, Seattle Mariners 4. National League: Chicago Cubs 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Cincinnati Reds 9, Atlanta Braves 8; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, New York Mets 1; St Louis Cardinals 6, Montreal Expos 1; San Diego Padres 8 San Francisco Giants 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 5 Houston Astros 3

TENNIS

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida. WTA Championships: First round (US unless stated): P Jauch (Austria) bt R Reggi (It) 6-3, 6-4; S Goles (Yug) bt T Mochizuki, 6-1, 6-2; H Kelesi (Can) bt P Vasquez 4-6 6-3 6-2; P Barg bt L McNeil 6-7, 6-3 6-3; T Scheuer-Larsen (Den) bt C Jolissaint (Fr) 6-2, 6-1; L Bonder bt A Croft (GB) 6-4, 5-7 6-1; K Horvath bt A Minter (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; B Herr bt E Minter (Aus), 6-0, 6-1; T Phelps bt K Rinney 4-6, 7-6 6-2; E Burgin bt S Foltz, 7-5 6-2; J Russell bt M Skuherska (Cz), 6-1, 6-4; L Drescher (Switz) bt C Vanier (Fr), 7-5 7-5; A Kanellopoulou (Gr) bt L Allen, 6-3, 6-2; A M Cecchini (It) bt Y Vermaak (SA), 2-6, 7-5, 7-5; M Torres bt C Benjamin (SA), 6-2, 6-4; A Moulton bt G Kim, 6-2, 6-4; D Spence bt K Maleeva (Bul), 7-6, 6-3; V Nelson bt P Medrado (Br), 7-5 6-3; V Ruzici (Rom) bt A White, 6-0, 6-4

WTA EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, M Navratilova: $600,187; 2, C Lloyd 356,687; 3, H Mandlikova (Cz) 249,037; 4, H Sukova (Cz) 184,825; 5, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 99,650; 6, K Jordan, 96,675; 7, C Bassett (Can), 94,025; 8, C Lindqvist (Swe) 89,875; 9, P Shriver, 84,600; 10, Z Garrison 83,250

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS (US unless stated): 1, J McEnroe, 1,175 pts; 2, T Mayotte 682; 3, S Davis, 664; 4, J Connors, 658; 5, I Lendl (Cz), 650; 6, T Smid (Cz), 598; 7, A Jarryd (Swe), 582; 8, M Mecir (Cz), 502; 9, S Edberg (Swe), 499; 10, M Wilander (Swe), 485

INGLEWOOD, California. Challenge Series: A Wendlen (US) bt I Nastase (Rom), 6-4, 6-1; J M Lopez (US) bt I Lendl (Cz) 6-4 7-6

HILTON HEAD ISLAND: Doubles final: P Shriver (US) and R Fairbank (SA) bt S Cherneva and L Savchenko (both USSR), 6-4, 6-1.

HOUSTON: River Oaks tournament. First round (US unless stated): S Meyer bt R Brown, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; P McNamee (Aus) bt H Solomon, 6-3, 6-0; T Wilkison bt S. Denton, 6-2, 6-4; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt G Holmes, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

GOLF

WEST HILL: first round: D C and M A Burridge bt W A and N J Tait, 5 and 4; G A and T M Proffitt bt T T and J Owen, 4 and 3; C and A S Taylor bt W T and C A J Shiels, 1 hole; W and A Tillman bt J D and P Nash, 3 and 2; D J and D R Baxter bt A and G Beuscher, 2 and 1; C J and P A Freeston bt B and M Jopseph, 1 hole; T W G and R Betts bt C P and E Scott-Malden, 19th; T L M and A G-Barnard bt B G and M C Sharpe, 2 and 1; Dr M and G I Taggart bt P N and N P Cox, 1 hole; R and I Attoe bt D A and S D Chapple, 5 and 4; M A and J M Peacock bt J R E and P J M Kent, 1 hole; D F R and A M S Lord bt M D and M E Rogerson, 1 hole; H W and A W Bailey bt J M and T M Clark, 3 and 2; G R and T Clark bt R E and R J Oakes, 1 hole; Dr S H and A B Bevan-Jones bt E M and M H Canevali, 1 hole; Drs M R and T M Geake bt C and D Clark, 3 and 2; J and D Niven bt R P H C and M H-C Borgins, 4 and 3; B M and P R James bt Dr J J S and A Chesser, 4 and 2; R F M and F G A Hope bt R D and D T Marr, 3 and 2; E J and M I Farmer bt T L and W H Barclay, 21st; C B and D S Knapp bt T E D and T H Harker, 3 and 2; J N and C E Gems bt P J R and A W Bathurst, 1 hole; J A and R Piggott bt Drs K S and M J Maclean, 3 and 2; Dr J S and W F S Taylor bt W J and W Grant, 3 and 1; J and A J Baldwin bt J C and M C Swatton, 5 and 4; O and R E C Logan bt J and G Martin, 2 and 1; I F M and J P Hine bt R A and D A Wood, 1 hole; D I and F J Nelder bt G F and J F Abercrombie, 2 holes; Dr F L and R Dyson bt J R F and A J Adams, 2 and 1; G A and G A C Hovil bt R S and S J Cox, 4 and 3; A H and D A Browne bt I H and A I MacLaren, 4 and 2; Dr H G and P G Goodliffe bt J S and N S Gilbert, 20th

PGA EARNINGS: (US unless stated): 1, C Strange, $369,285; 2, C Peete, 274,030; 3, M O'Meara, 216,465; 4, L Wadkins, 215,856; 5, C Stadler, 211,364; 6, B Langer (WG), 194,657; 7, F Zoeller, 142,377; 8, T Watson, 136,882; 9, F Couples, 131,546; 10, S Ballesteros (Sp), 130,771. BRITISH PLACINGS: 50, N Faldo, 42,403; 66, A Lyle, 34,006; 85, P Oosterhuis, 28,196; 96, K Brown, 23,119.

LPGA EARNINGS: (US unless stated): 1, A Miller, $131,625; 2, P Sheehan, 99,616; 3, P Bradley, 93,718; 4, B King, 87,071; 5, J Stephenson (Aus), 84,869; 6, J Inkster, 69,761; 7, N Lopez, 69,747; 8, A Alcott, 69,342; 9, B Lauer, 64,706; 10, H Stacy, 56,885.

BOXING

NEW YORK: Lightweight (10 rounds): Edwin Rosario (P Rico) ko Alberto Ramos (US), 2nd. LAS VEGAS: Heavyweight (8 rounds): Willie Dewitt (Can) and A Williamson (US) drew.

FOOTBALL

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 0 Waldhof Mannheim 0.
EUROPEAN UNDER 21: Austria 1, Hungary 2 (in Furstenfeld, Austria).

ATHLETICS

BOSTON: Marathon: Men: 1, G Smith (GB), 2hr 14min 05sec; 2, G Tuttle (US), 2:19.12; 3, M Helgeston, 2:21.15. Women: 1, L Larsen-Weidenbach, 2:34:06.

RUGBY UNION

HERTS MERIT TABLE: Old Albanians 8, Hertford 3.

Becker to rest

Düsseldorf (Reuter) – Boris Becker, of West Germany, is to miss the World Team Cup tennis tournament here next month, organizers said yesterday.

Becker, aged 17, the winner of the Young Masters tournament for under-21 players in Birmingham earlier this year, is to rest in the week before the French Open which starts on May 27.

Fletcher's dozen

Keith Fletcher starts his twelfth season as the Essex captain against Cambridge University at Fenner's on Saturday. He is hoping that the side's strenght in depth will allow them to retain the championship and John Player League title as he expects to be without Gooch and Forster, on Test duty for most of the season.

Kelly joint second

Paris (AFP) – Eric Vanderaerden leads the international cycling rankings with 120 points after winning the Tour of Flanders and the Liege race. Sean Kelly, of Ireland, has dropped to joint second place with the Dutchman, Hennie Kuiper, an 98 points.

Extended loan

Charlton Athletic are to keep the West Ham United goalkeeper John Vaughan on loan until the end of the season, even though West Ham's first-team goalkeeper, Tom McCalister, is out of action with broken ribs. Vaughan will only return to Upton Park if McAlister's replacement, Phil Parkes, is injured. Charlton need Vaughan because Nicky Johns is out with a virus.

IN BRIEF

Bonder gets past first round at last

Amelia Island, Florida (Reuter) – Lisa Bonder, of the United States, ended a run of four first-round defeats when she beat Britain's Annabel Croft, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 in the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Championships here yesterday.

Miss Bonder joins other seeded players in the second round: Americans, Michelle Torres, Alycia Moulton and Kathy Horvath.

RUGBY UNION: Nottingham and Leicester provide 12 players for the Midlands Under-23 team to play the North Under-23s at Nottingham next Tuesday.

TEAM: M Fairn (Coventry); B Evans, I Bates (both Leicester), G Hartley, D Holdstock, S Hodgkinson, R Moon (all Nottingham); M Whitcombe (Leicester), B Moore, J Ward (both Nottingham), B Kidner (Coventry), P Catling (Bedford), J Wells, D Richards, R Tebbutt (all Leicester)

HOCKEY: Linda Carr, the England women's captain, leads England abroad for the first time when she captains them on their 10-match tour to New Zealand and Australia from August 24 to September 24. The England Squad, name yesterday, will play two full internationals in New Zealand and five in Australia, with additional games against Australian state sides.

TOUR SQUAD: J Cook (Suffolk); C Rule (Berks), L Carr (Lancs), K Brown (Surrey), V Dixon (Cambs), B Hambly (Warwicks), M Souyave (Lancs), S Holwell (Leics), K Gordon (Leics), M Cheetham (Leics), J Bannister (Cheshire), A Cannell (Middx), J Shkurka (Sheffield League), G Brown (Yorks), S Lister (Essex).

SQUAD (v Germany in Mulheim on May 12): G Atkins (Yorks); J Bannister (Cheshire), S Brimble (Gloucs), G Brown (Yorks), M Burrows (Derbys), V Dixon (Cambs), A Goacher (BCHE), R Goodridge (Devon), K Gordon (Leics), V Hallam (Sheffield League), K Lobb, K Parker (Middx), J Shkurka (Sheffield League), K Tilbury (Avon), H Woodward (Leics).

CYCLING: The great French rivals Bernard Hinault and Laurent Fignon are back in action for the Fleche-Wallone classic race which starts in Huy, Belgium today. Both riders missed the gruelling Paris-Roubaix race on Sunday – Hinault through choice and Fignon through injury.

HANDBALL: Vladmir Byelov has been thrown out of the Soviet men's team for "tarnishing the honour of the country's sportsmen", according to *Sovietsky Sport*, a daily newspaper. The paper did not report what Byelov had done, but the phrase usually refers to customs or drinking offences while on foreign trips.

RACKETS/REAL TENNIS

Ronaldson's net loss

By William Stephens

Lesley Ronaldson, aged 34, wife of the world champion, Chris Ronaldson, narrowly failed to become the first women's world champion when Judy Clarke, of Melbourne, defeated her 6–3, 5–6, 6–5 in a final lasting two hours and 26 minutes at the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club yesterday. The winner has been out of the game for two years after knee operations.

MELBOURNE: Australian women's doubles: final: J Clarke & A Link bt L Ronaldson & K Toates, 6–0, 6–3. Men's open doubles: final: G Hyland & E Cockram bt W Dawes & A Cockram, 3–1.

● Randall Crawley, the fourth seed, showed outstanding form and unusual ruthlessness in eliminating the fifth seed Neil Smith by 15-8, 15-9, 15-8 from the Celestion Loudspeakers open singles rackets championship at Queen's Club yesterday.

RACING

Princess Anne may face Piggott

Princess Anne may have Lester Piggott as a rival in the special charity race at Epsom next Tuesday. Mark Kershaw, Epsom's clerk of the course, said: "It is possible that Lester will be riding in the race. It just depends if we can find the right horse for him."

Princess Anne has been riding out four of five mornings a week at the stables of David Nicholson in preparation for the event, which will raise funds for the Riding for the Disabled Association. The Princess will partner the four-year-old, Against The Grain, who is trained by Nicholson.

The 14 other riders in the race include Piggott's daughter, Maureen.

Newmarket results

Going: good

2.00 EBF STUTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o c & g £2,532 5f)

ANDARTIS br c, by Final Straw – San Marguerite (Mrs H Cambanis) 9-0 G Baxter (14-1) 1
Meadow Moor b c, by Comedy Star – Miss Golighty (C Holland) 9-0 .... J Reid (14-1) 2
For Dear Life b g, by Wolverlife – Dear Leap (Mr J Rogers) 9-0 .... T Rogers (7-1) 3

Also Ran: 9-4 fav Fayruz (5th), 3 Bakharoff (6th), 4 Jean's Choice, 12 King Denzil (4th), 14 Brokers Dream, 16 Halawa, 20 Bobby Shafto. 11 ran. 1½l, neck, ¾l, neck 2½l. B Hobbs, at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £11.50. Places: £3.90, £2.90. DF: £82.70. CSF: £182.68. 1m 02.23s.

2.35 GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £3,225: 7f)

ETOILE D'AMORE ch f, by The Minstrel – Gurkhas Band (Maktoum Al Maktoum) 8-11 .... Paul Eddery (16-1) 1
Obscura gr f, by Caro – Dusk (K Abdulla) 8-11 Pat Eddery (8-1) 2
Ma Petite Jolie b f, by Northern Dancer – Ballade (Miss H Al Maktoum) 8-11 W R Swinburn (15-8 fav) 3

Also Ran: 15-2 Rye Tops (6th), 8 Silko, Kindjal (5th), Teased, 10 Cranbourne (4th), 16 Thevetia, 25 Azurai, Gegoush, Miss Galwin, 33 Arabian Moun, Joli's Girl, Pepako, Princess Jenny, Sandra's Choice, Syrinx. 18 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 1½l, head, 1½l. H Cecil, at Newmarket. TOTE Win: £20.40. Places: £4.50, £2.60, £2.20. DF: £201.90. CSF: £137.42. 1m 27.78s

3.05 CRAVEN STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o c & g: £11,988: 1m)

SHADEED b c by Nijinsky – Continual (Maktoum Al Maktoum) 8-7 W R Swinburn (9-4 jt fav) 1
Damister b c by Mr Prospector – Batusada (K Abdulla) 8-7 .... Pat Eddery (7-2) 2
Heraldiste b c by Lyphard – Heiress (D Wildenstein) 8-7 .... S Cauthen (3-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt fav Local Suitor (4th), 33 Tom Boat (5th), 66 Mr Jay-Zee. 6 ran. 6l, 3l, 2½l, nk, 10l. M Stoute at Newmarket.

TOTE. Win: £3.40, places: £1.80, £2.30. DF: £6.10. CSF: £9.96. 1m 38.34sec.

3.35 LADBROKE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,103: 7f)

BRADDELLS b c by Thatching – Lovely Clare (B Haggas) 8-10 .... M Hills (10-1) 1
Andi Alja gr c by Kala Shikari – Peggy Wig (Mrs R Wraford) 7-12 .... A McGlone (20-1) 2
Lap Of Honour b f by Final Straw – Sideshow (T Blackwell) 9-4 ... G Baxter (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Kellytalk, 5 Foulsad, 11-2 Dr Naeem (5th), 10 Polykratis (4th), 11 Gabse Dust, 12 Fintry Hills, 14 Kro, Why Tumble, 16 Main Star, 20 Postorage (6th), 33 Phacn, Romantic Overtures. 15 ran. ½l, 1½l, ¾l, 3l, 2½l. J Hindley at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £14.70; places: £3.60, £6.80, £2.80. DF: £268.30. CSF: £172.87. Tricast: £2,852.56. 1m 26.84sec.

4.10 SWAFFHAM HANDICAP (£3,604: 1m 6f)

RHUSTED b c, by Busted – Rheinbloom (A Shead) 4-9-1 .... S Cauthen (12-1) 1
Rymesbra b f, by Blakeney – Marypark (Sir D Wills) 4-9-6 .... G Baxter (7-1) 2
Kurokawa ch h, by Giacometti – Tebaldi (E St George) 5-8-0 .... W Carson (7-1) 3

Also Ran: 3-1 fav Troyenna, 5 Royal Cracker (6th), 8 Regal Steel (4th), 10 Bespoke, 12 Relkisha, 14 Kayopps (5th), 20 Castelnau.

10 ran. 3l, nk, ¾l, 1l, 10l. B Hills at Lambourn.

Tote win: £9.10. Places: £1.90, £2.80, £2.50. DF: £19.80. CSF: £82.08. Tricast: £572.65. 3m 01.49s.

4.40 STETCHWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,805: 5f)

BATAVE ch f, by Posse – Bon Appetit (D Wildenstein) 8-11 ..... S Cauthen (4-5 fav) 1
Ilton Moor b f, by Bold Lad (Ire) – Malaleuca (R McAlpine) 8-11 .... M Hills (16-1) 2
Lucky Ring b c, by Auction Ring – La Fortune (Sir M Sobell) 9-0 .. W Carson (4-1) 3

Also ran: 11-1 Henry's Venture, 14 Jalfad (4th), 16 Fine Harmony (6th), via Satellite (5th), 20 Trip Hammer, 25 Kriegspell, Mitchalder, 33 Darling Daughter, 50 Kendle Blue.

12 ran. Neck, sh hd, 1½l, ½l, 6l. H Cecil at Newmarket.

Tote win: £1.90. Places: £1.10, £3.20, £2.00. DF: £17.30. CSF: £15.82. 1m 14.49s.

JACKPOT: Not won. PLACEPOT: £1,345.40.

Fontwell Park

Going: soft

2.0 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Wily Yeoman (R Rowe 8-11 fav); 2, Cresun (5-1); 3, Aren't We All (8-1). 14 ran. 1½l, 15l. J Gifford. TOTE: £1.80, £1.30, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £3.30. CSF: £4.82.

2.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Harlow Mill (N Fearn 7-1); 2, Quaker Lad (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Broken Flight (8-1); 4, Gold Floor (20-1). My Snip 7-2 jt-fav. Nk, hd. 21 ran. NR: One Armed Bandit. M Pipe. TOTE: £6.90, £2.90, £1.10, £1.40, £5.60. DF: £9.10. CSF: £34.43. TRICAST: £198.33.

3.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Navajo Brave (R Goldstein 9-2); 2, Jacko (8-1); 3, Dargai (7-2 fav); 4, Graiguenamanagh (33-1). 16 ran. NR: Homeson, Laney Dual. ¾l, 10l. J Fitch-Heyes. TOTE: £6.40, £1.60, £2.10, £1.30, £4.10. DF: £4.10. CSF: £39.47. TRICAST: £128.42.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Taylorstown (J O'Neill 9-2); 2, Mount Bolus (9-4 fav); 3, The Enid (10-1). 17 ran. NR: Boyne Salmon, Riverside Drive, Chatfield. 2l, 6l, 1l, ½l, 3l. J Jenkins, Epsom. TOTE: £4.30; £1.80, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £8.90. CSF: £14.27.

4.00 (2m 2f 110yds ch) 1, Ballima (R Goldstein 11-2); 2, Netherbridge (4-1); 3, Lucky Chris (10-1). Doucement 7-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Poor Son. 4l, 3l. D Gressell. TOTE: £7.00; £2.50, £1.60, £3.20. DF: £16.80. CSF: £29.39. TRICAST: £207.69.

4.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Inlander (J Lovejoy 7-4 fav); 2, Ribobella (11-2); 3, Bronski (100-30). 13 ran. NR: Die in the Sky. 4l, 8l. J D Davies. TOTE: £3.00; £1.80, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £5.40. CSF: £13.28. PLACEPOT: £7.90.

Today's point-to-points

Axe Vale, at Stafford Cross (2.0); Duke of Buccleugh and Jed-Forest, at Friar's Haugh, near Kelso (4.0); Four Burrow, at Tehidy, near Camborne. (2.0). The last two fixtures were carried in error in yesterday's paper.

YACHTING

Blackaller is a winner to windward

From a Correspondent Cannes

Tom Blackaller in the Peterson-designed six-metre St Francis IX, easily won the third race of the world championships at Cannes yesterday.

With the right-hand side of the course heavily favoured to windward, the majority of the fleet chose to start at the committee boat end of the line. Blackaller's start, although alongside the mark boat, was in the second rank, and he was forced to weave and duck his way up the beat to clear his wind.

Once clear, though, he picked up a private wind on the extreme right of the course, and was lifted into a comfortable lead at the windward mark.

Phil Durr, from Switzerland, sailing Junior, also demonstrated his tactical skill to windward to be in second place at the first mark. Despite some tricky moments on the first reach, when the wind died and veered, these two held their places for the rest of the race.

Phil Durr, who also holds the 5.5 metre world title, now has a first, second and third place to his name, and is emerging as the favourite to win the series.

RESULTS (subject to protest): 1, St Francis IX (T Blackaller, US); 2, Junior (P Durr, Switz); [illegible] May Be XIII (P Fredell, Sweden); 4, Arunca ([illegible] Longridge, Can); 5, Fupca (T Lundquist, [illegible]); 6, Sea Travel (B Gustafson, Sweden). British placing: 14, Perdita (P Bateman).

RACING: IMPRESSIVE NEWMARKET GALLOP POINTS TO DOUIEB'S AMERICAN-BRED COLT

Over The Ocean looks pick in Free Handicap

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The finish of today's Ladbroke European Free Handicap at Newmarket may well be dominated by the least exposed horses in the field. Over The Ocean and Main Reason. Apparently Over The Ocean (nap). Olivier Douieb's American-bred colt, went exceptionally well in a gallop with the talented four-year-old filly, Meis el Reem, and last year's Royal Ascot winner, Magic Mirror, just over a fortnight ago.

I find it interesting that Douieb declared Over The Ocean at the four-day stage for yesterday's Craven Stakes before eventually deciding to opt for this handicap instead. Last season Over The Ocean had just two races, both of which were on today's Rowley Mile course. After finishing second to Profess in the first, he then justified the confidence placed in him a fortnight later and won the Chesterton Stakes.

Main Reason, the colt who could be my nap's main danger, started favourite to win his first race at Ascot in July, but could finish only fourth to Khozaam. Afterwards, it was the intention of Paul Cole, his trainer, to go for the Prix Morny at Deauville, but that plan had to be shelved when it became apparent that Main Reason must have jarred a knee galloping on the firm ground that prevailed at the time.

Given the necessary long break to recover from that setback, he eventually reappeared at Lingfield Park towards the end of the season and won a maiden race by four lengths in the style of a nice horse. Cole's faith in Main Reason remains undiminished, and at a difference of 3lb he could prove very troublesome to Over The Ocean.

Top weight will be shouldered by Prince Sabo, who is by no means certain to last seven furlongs. As a two-year-old he struck me as being a sprinter pure and simple.

Northern Chimes, the mount of Pat Eddery, is not well handicapped with Lobbit if one takes a race at Thirsk last August into account. On that occasion Lobbit gave Northern Chimes 3lb and beat him by a little under three lengths. Today Northern Chimes must give Lobbit 4lb. Against that it is only fair to say that Northern Chimes did show improved form afterwards, improvement that led to him running in the Dewhurst Stakes.

With Clive Brittain's horses in such fine fettle, a bold showing can be expected from Glory Of Hera, who will be ridden by Steve Cauthen. Brittain said only recently that he was particularly pleased with his three-year-old fillies and Glory Of Hera impressed me with the heart that she put into her finish as a two-year-old.

The word from Newmarket is that Supreme Leader, Brittain's runner in the Wood Ditton Stakes, will go well. But all the talk is that this annual race for three-year-olds who have never run has attracted an above-average field, with a number of runners being said to have shown a lot of promise, notably Jaggery, Miller's Mate, Vin de France and Taj Alriyadh. My selection is Miller's Mate, a Mill Reef colt trained by Michael Stoute, who has deemed him good enough to enter him for the Budweiser Million

King of Clubs, who was so impressive at Doncaster last month, turns out again for the Earl of Sefton Stakes, but without an obvious chance of beating Telepromter, who ended last season by winning the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, at the expense of that good filly Katies, who had won the Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Coronation Stakes earlier in the year. As Telepromter also won over nine furlongs in Ireland, today's distance is within his range.

Royal Rouser looks a good bet to win the Grewelthorpe Stakes at Ripon for his enthusiastic owner, Francis Lee, the former England footballer.

Course specialists

NEWMARKET

TRAINERS: H Cecil 81 winners from 318 runners 25 5%. M Stoute 47 from 305 15 4%. W O Gorman, 27 from 199 13 6%

JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 115 winners from 507 rides, 22 7%. W Carson, 47 from 383, 12.3%: W Swinburn, 34 from 294 11 6%.

RIPON

TRAINERS: J FitzGerald 8 from 37 21 7%, J Berry, 8 from 44, 18 2%. M H Easterby, 26 from 154 16 9%

JOCKEYS: B Crossley 5 from 24 20 8%; G Duffield, 11 from 72, 15 3%, M Birch, 27 from 222, 12 2%

Shadeed stamps his authority

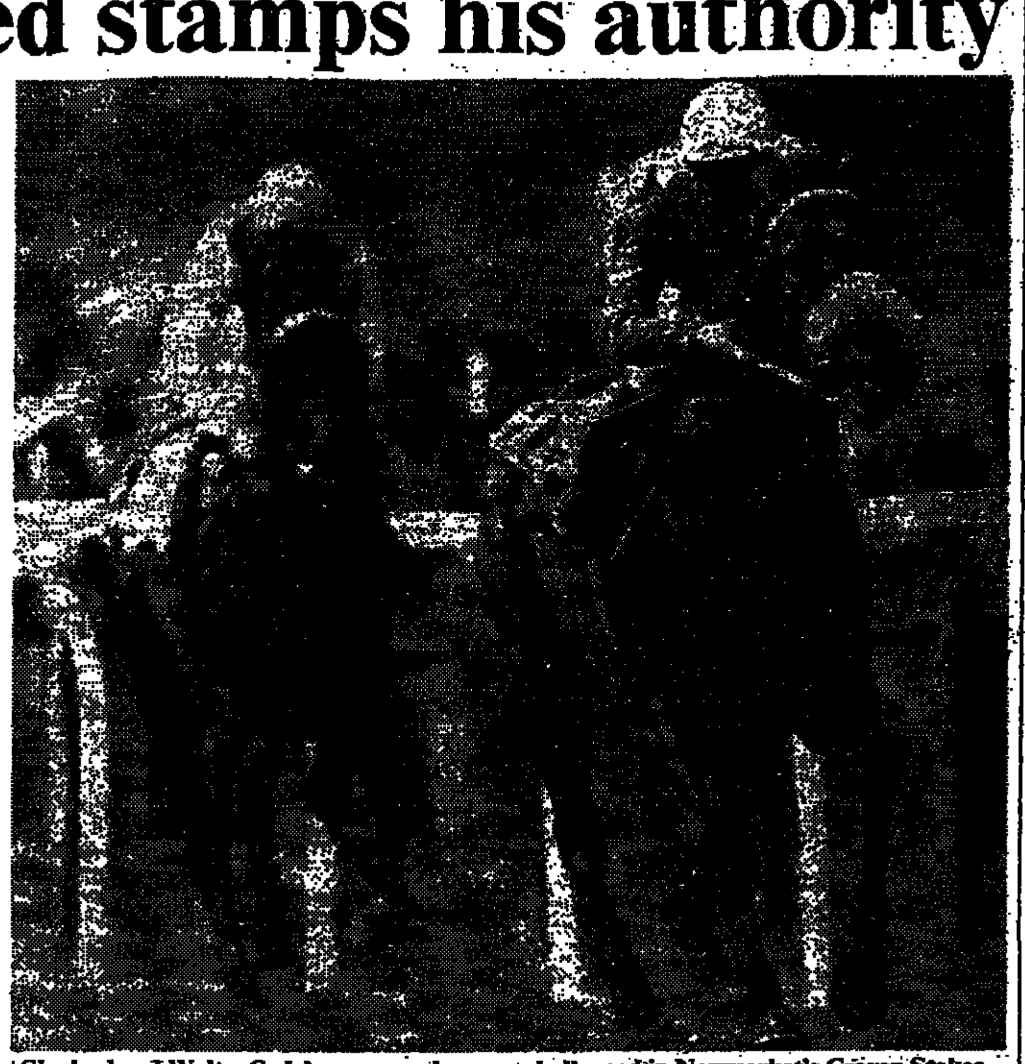
By Michael Seely

Shadeed galloped his way into favouritism for the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby with a spectacular victory in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. Not since his sire, the subsequent triple crown winner, Nijinsky, humbled the opposition in the Gladness Stakes at the Curragh, in 1970, has a more impressive trial been seen by a potential winner of the first of the colts' classics.

Walter Swinburn refused to be drawn about Sahdeed's merit after Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum's $800,000 Keeneland purchase had romped home six lengths clear of Damister, with Heraldiste three lengths further away, third. "It's early days yet", the 23-year-old jockey said. "It's not easy to make instant comparisons when you've ridden Shergar, Shareef Dancer and All Along."

Jeremy Tree, the trainer of the runner-up, has already saddled two winners of the 2,000 Guineas in Only For Life and Known Fact. And the Beckhampton trainer spoke for most of those present when he said: "I was very pleased with Damister. He ran a sound race. But the winner must be a good horse."

Make no mistake, it is impossible to over-value the merit of this performance. Shadeed tore last season's form book into shreds as he drew further and further away from his rivals in the last furlong. Last autumn, Damister had run Lanfranco to threequarters of a length in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster, and Heraldiste, nine lengths behind the winner yesterday, had been about three lengths adrift of Kala Dancer, in the Dewhurst Stakes on this course, last October. Local Suitor, who finished a close third at that afternoon, ran disappointingly yesterday, and was two and a half lengths behind Heraldiste in fourth place.



Shadeed and Walter Swinburn sweep home unchallenged in Newmarket's Craven Stakes.

The winning time of 1min 38.4sec, was 0.6 of a second faster than standard, whereas Braddells' time in the competitive Ladbroke Handicap half an hour later, was 1.14sec slow. "I couldn't be more pleased with that." Michael Stoute, the trainer, said. "They went a nice gallop, and Shadeed is learning his job well. He had become a little lazy at home."

Both in the paddock beforehand and in the unsaddling enclosure afterwards Shadeed had looked the image of his sire, being an imposing looking individual full of barely-controlled, nervous energy. Commenting on this, Stoute went on: "He was getting a bit above himself, because he need to race, but I'm very happy with him. We'll go for the 2,000 Guineas first and then think about the Derby afterwards."

Bookmakers are naturally a cautious body of men, but they were overwhelmed by the strength of the punters' reaction to Shadeed's victory. All offers of 7-2 for the Guineas and 6-1 for the Derby were eagerly snapped up. By the end of the afternoon, 2-1 and 4-1 were the top prices on offer for those races.

With Gold Crest under a cloud after his defeat at the Curragh last Saturday, and now reported to be suffering from a nasal discharge, Shadeed looks like being the shortest-priced favourite since Nijinsky won at 7-4 on when he seeks to credit the Maktoum family of Dubai with their first victory in an English colts' classic on May 4.

Despite his defeat with Heraldiste, Henry Cecil's horses still continue to carry all before them. In the Geoffrey Barling Maiden Stakes, Paul Eddery rode Etoile d'Amore to a narrow victory over Oscura and the short-priced favourite, Ma Petite Jolie.

The victory came as something of a surprise to Cecil as Steve Cauthen had ridden the more strongly fancied Kindjal. "She's just a nice sort of Backward filly," he said. "I didn't think she'd beat my other one today, but there you are, it often happens." Cecil went on to complete a double when Cauthen drove Batave to victory in a blanked finish to the Stetchworth Maiden Stakes.

Bruce Hobbs received further encouragement in what is possibly his last season (he will decide in July) when Geoffrey Baxter produced Andartis with a storming late run to beat Meadow Moor by one and a half lengths in the EBF Stuntney Maiden Stakes.

Jeremy Hindley had his first winner of the season when Michael Hills drove Braddells to a convincing win over Audi Alfa in the Ladbroke Handicap. And it was also a first success of 1985 for Barry Hills when Cauthen teamed up with his former employer to win the Swaffham Handicap with Rhusted.

● The unbeaten Park Appeal, who numbered the Moyglare Stud Stakes and the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes among her four victories as a juvenile, has met with a minor setback and will miss the Northridge Farm 1,000 Guineas Trial at Phoenix Park on Saturday.

NEWMARKET

(Ch4)

[Televised 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10]

GOING: good

Draw advantage: none

2.0 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-y-o: £4,480: 1m) (26 runners) ... J Mercer 6

101 CHICLET (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-0 ... M Hills 21
102 CREEPING (J Hindley) J Hindley 9-0 ... R Cochrane 28
103 DORSET COTTAGE (Sheikh Mohammed) W Jarvis 9-0 ... A Murray 23
104 EL RAQGAAS (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-0 ... P Madden 10
105 FAR TO GO (Sheikh Mohammed) F Durr 9-0 ... B Rouse 18
106 FREEDOM'S CHOICE (O Phipps) J Dunlop 9-0 ... J Reid 13
108 GRAND CASINO (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 19
109 HAPPY HOUSE (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ... G Baxter 4
111 JAGGERY (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 9-0 ... W Carson 12
113 KHOZDAR (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0 ... T Ives 25
114 MAC'S GOLD (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 22
115 MILLER'S MATE (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... R Lines 20
116 PAINTED THUNDER (Ld Porchester) W Hastings-Bass 9-0 ... NON-RUNNER 18
117 POCHARD (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... W Ryan 15
118 POWDER BENDER (Addison Tool Co) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... M Rimmer 7
119 REINDEER WALK (Reindeer Antiques) G Huffer 9-0 ... J Matthias 1
120 SAN MERCURIALE (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 ... L Piggott 17
121 SIYAH KALEM (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0 ... P Robinson 24
122 SUPREME LEADER (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 ... G Starkey 5
123 TAJ ATRIYADH (A Salman) G Harwood 9-0 ... S Cauthen 3
124 VIN DE FRANCE (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 9-0 ... B Thomson 14
125 ARCTIC FORD (A Clore) B Hills 8-11 ... R Hills 9
126 INTOXICATION (D Harris) B Hills 8-11 ... S Whitworth 8
127 NICE AND ICY (A Clore) B Hills 8-11 ... G Sexton 2
128 NIGEL'S STAR (V Coomaraswamy) P Haslam 8-11 ... R Fox 11
129 THREE STARS (C St George) B Hills 8-11

1984: Bank Parade 9-0 M Hills (16-1) J Hindley 20 ran.

7-2 Miller's Mate, 5 Vin De France, 6 Khozdar, 15-2 Siyah Kalem, 8 El Raqgaas, Taj Atriyadh, 10 Pochard, 12 Happy House, 14 Painted Thunder, Jaggery, 16 others.

Newmarket selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Miller's Mate: 2.35 Effigy: 3.10 OVER THE OCEAN (nap): 3.40 Telleprompter; 4.10 Grey Desire: 4.40 Ringtail.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Miller's Mate: 2.35 Split Image: 3.10 Over The Ocean: 3.40 Parliament; 4.40 Cool Gales.

By Michael Seely

2.0 Miller's Mate; 3.10 Over The Ocean.

2.35 APRIL MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,651: 1m 4f) (10) ... G Starkey 1

201 EFFIGY (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 4
202 0032-2 FIRE OF LIFE (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 ... W Carson 3
204 4 GUIDON (The Queen) W Hern 9-0 ... L Piggott 5
205 INDE PULSE (R Tikkoo) F Durr 9-0 ... B Thomson 2
206 000- INFANTRY (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 ... S Cauthen 9
207 00- KUWAIT MUTAR (Sheik Fahad) J Sutcliffe 9-0 ... J Reid 10
209 0 MOULKINS (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ... A Barclay 6
212 SANCHI STEEPLE (R Tikkoo) J Hindley 9-0 ... M Hills 1
213 32- SPLIT IMAGE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Hindley 9-0 ... W Ryan 3 8
214 33-22 WESTRAY (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0

1984: Baynoun 9-0 L Piggott (11-1) R Houghton 23 ran.

11-4 Guidon, 7-2 Fire Of Life, 9-2 Effigy, 6 Westray, 7 Split Image, 10 Infantry, 12 Inde Pulse, Moulkins, Kuwait Mutar, 20 Sanchi Steeple.

FORM: FIRE OF LIFE, (9-0) a 20l runner up to Tangognat (9-0) on bottomless ground at Kempton (1m 4f), last year (8-11) 3l 2nd to Ulterior Motive (8-1) here (1m 2f, £9,661, good, Nov 3, 12 ran). GUIDON, (8-7) 12l adrift of the remainder when last of 4 behind Old Bailey (9-2) at Newbury (7f, £5,517, good to firm, July 21, 4 ran). INFANTRY, (8-11) 8th of 14 behind Northern River (8-11) at Newbury (6f, £4,084, good, Sep 21, 14 ran). SPLIT IMAGE, (8-11) 2l 2nd to Itsamazing (8-8) at Ascot (7f, £7,752, good to soft, Oct 13, 8 ran). WESTRAY, (9-0) head 2nd to Witchcraft (9-0) at Haydock (1m 2.5f, £3,003, soft, Apr 6, 8 ran).

Selection: FIRE OF LIFE.

3.10 LADBROKE EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £16,466: 7f) (11)

301 113100- PRINCE SABO (Mrs R Derwels) Mrs S Swift 9-7 ... J Reid 3
302 123140- NORTHERN CHIMES (Mrs J Shine) E Eldin 9-2 ... Pat Eddery 1
307 41030-1 SAND IRON (Mrs S Rudolf) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 (5 ex) ... W Ryan 3 5
309 311120- LOBBIT (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 8-12 ... B Rouse 4
310 300113 TICKLY BENDER (CD) (Farthing Co) R Armstrong 8-12 ... P Robinson 8
311 21- OVER THE OCEAN (C) (M Fustok) O Douieb 8-11 ... A Lequeux 7
312 121400- ANDRIOS (C) (D) (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 8-10 ... G Baxter 6
313 11033- CHEPSTOW VALE (P McBean) W Hern 8-9 ... W Carson 2
314 021111- AL SYLAH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-8 ... A Murray 9
315 310210- GLORA OF HERA (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-8 ... S Cauthen 10
316 41- MAIN REASON (D) (F Salman) P Cole 8-8 ... T Quinn 11

1984: Cutting Wind 8-8 W R Swinburn (20-1) M Hinchliffe 17 ran

11-4 Over The Ocean, 9-2 Al Sylah, 11-2 Tickly Bender, 6 Main Reason, 7 Chepstow Vale, 8 Lobbit, 10 Prince Sabo, Northern Chimes, 12 others.

FORM: LOBBIT'S, best effort (9-5) was 2½l defeat of NORTHERN CHIMES (9-2) at Thirsk (6f, £2,884, good to soft, Aug 4, 5 ran). NORTHERN CHIMES later, (8-11), 4l 4th to Local Suitor (8-11) in the Mill Reef Stakes (6f, £16,380, good, Sep 22, 12 ran). TICKLY BENDER, (9-0) 5½l 3rd to Elisio (9-0) at Newbury (7f), previously (9-7) beat Our Jock (8-1) a short head over course and distance (£5,634, good, Oct 20, 19 ran). OVER THE OCEAN, (9-0) beat Mango Express (9-0) 1½l here (6f, £4,898, good, Oct 18, 24 ran). ANDRIOS, (9-4) 3¾l 5th to Damister (8-8) over course and distance £11,096, good to soft, Oct 5, 11 ran). SAND IRON, (9-4) back in 8th CHEPSTOW VALE, (8-11) a 5½l York 3rd to Al Bahathri (8-11) prior t running over 8f (6f, £16,056, good to firm, Aug 22, 10 ran). AL SYLAH, (9-7) completed a four-timer when beating Bollin Knight (9-6) ½l readily at Haydock (6f, £5,306, good, Oct 6, 12 ran). MAIN REASON, (9-0) 3½l 4th to Khozaam (9-0) on Ascot debut (6f, £6,369, good to firm, July 28, 11 ran) and won a small Lingfield (7f) race in the autumn.

Selection: AL SYLAH.

3.40 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES Group III (£14,392: 1m 1f) (8)

401 91011-1 KING OF CLUBS (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-1 ... Pat Eddery 4
402 212111- TELEPROMPTER (B) (Ld Derby) J W Watts 5-9-1 ... W Carson 6
403 21080- LONG POND (Rokvale) P Kelleway 4-8-13 ... G Baxter 7
404 011- HAJEB (C) (Yazid and Ahmad) J Dunlop 4-8-10 ... B Rouse 5
405 011212- HOT RODDER (O Phipps) J Dunlop 4-8-10 ... L Piggott 3
406 93342-0 KALIM (BF) (B) (H H Aga Khan) R Houghton 4-8-10 ... S Cauthen 8
407 341111- PARLIAMENT (Mrs P Stokes) O Douieb 5-8-10 ... A Lequeux 1
408 /4309-0 SEISMIC WAVE (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-10 ... B Thomson 2

1984: Legend of France 4-8-10 J Mercer (4-1 fav) H Cecil 11 ran.

9-4 King Of Clubs, 11-4 Teleprompter, 5 Hot Rodder, Parliament, 8 Kalim, 10 Long Pond.

FORM: KING OF CLUBS (9-4) beat Bold Connection (8-13) cleverly by 1½l at Doncaster (8f £8,694, good to soft, March 21, 9 ran). The favourite KALIM (8-13) was 7th and SEISMIC WAVE (8-13) 8th. In 1984 Dee Stakes at Chester SEISMIC WAVE (8-12) was under 1l 3rd of 8 to Trial By Error (8-12) (1m 2f, £13,784, good to firm, May 10). KALIM (8-12) hampered in his run, finished another 2l back in 5th TELEPROMPTER (9-0) all out to beat Katies (8-11) at Ascot (8f, £25,235, good, Sep 29, 6 ran). LONG POND (9-0) 9½l 7th of 8 to El Gran Senor in Irish Derby (1m 4f £134,241, firm, June 30). HOT RODDER (9-7) 2½l 2nd of 14 to Lucky North (8-7) in Doncaster h'cap (8f, £8,586, good to soft, Sep 13) PARLIAMENT (9-3) beat My Volga Boatmen (8-7) by a neck at Doncaster (1m 2f, £3,438, soft, Nov 10, 9 ran).

Selection: TELEPROMPTER.

4.10 ABERNANT STAKES (£7,674: 6f) (11)

501 0000-10 CREWS HILL (C Henry) Mrs C Reavey 9-8-12 ... N Day 8
502 330200- GABITAT (B) (CD) (Brian Gubby) B Gubby 7-9-12 ... R Curant 7
503 4040-01 GREY DESIRE (D) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-12 ... Pat Eddery 6
504 301311- SARAB (C) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-12 ... NON-RUNNER 4
505 00000-2 VORVADOS (CD) (Miss F Gallichan) M Haynes 8-9-12 ... L Piggott 2
507 121100- REMORSELESS (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 5-9-6 G Baxter 10
509 13119-2 PROVIDEO (D) (BF) (B) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 3-8-12 NON-RUNNER 1
510 230014- CAMEROUN (C Wright) D Laing 3-8-9 ... W Carson 5
512 032100- INDIANA PENCIL (A Sofroniou) D Sasse 3-8-2 ... A Barclay 9
513 4114-0 MASTER CROFTER (B) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 3-8-2 ... M L Thomas 3
514 28240-9 SHARP ROMANCE (C) (BF) (Sheikh Rashi Al Khalifa) C Benstead 3-8-2 B Rouse 11

1984: Reesh 3-8-6 M L Thomas (12-1) W O Goraman 19 ran.

3 Grey Desire, 4 Gabitat, 9-2 Sharp Romance, 5 Vorvados, 7 Remorseless, 8 Crews Hill.

FORM: GABITAT comes to hand early and in 1984 followed a 2nd in this race by (9-4) beating VORVADOS (9-4) 4l at York with GREY DESIRE (9-0) 1l away 5th (6f, £15,084, good to firm, May 17, 10 ran) This season GREY DESIRE (9-10) beat Hilton Brown (9-10) 15l at Kempton. MASTER CROFTER (8-0) 14l away 6th (6f, £4,480, heavy, Apr 8, 10 ran) PROVIDEO (8-7) neck 2nd to Androx Lad (8-3) on reappearance (5f), last year won 16 times over 5f and 6f including (9-7) a head defeat of Pacific Gold (8-6) at Doncaster (5f, £2,524, good to soft, Oct 26, 5 ran) INDIANA PENCIL (9-7) 8l Goodwood winner from Marching Moor (9-2) (5f, £2,398, good to firm, Aug 25, 5 ran) SHARP ROMANCE (8-10) 6th to Severn Bore (8-4) at Kempton (6f, Apr 6), last year (9-0) just under 6l 4th to Bassenthwaite (9-0) here (6f, £32,860, good, Oct 4, 8 ran).

Selection: INDIANA PENCIL.

4.40 E B F BARTLOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £2,476: 5f) (9)

602 COOL GALES (Mrs E Vestey) B Hobbs 8-11 ... G Baxter 5
603 CORRALS JOY (A Th van de Lecq) J Winter 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 4
604 0 DANCING FILLE (C Linney) R Williams 8-11 ... S Cauthen 7
605 JERASSA (Mrs D Joly) P Haslam 8-11 ... G Sexton 6
606 0 LAST JEWEL (B) (Torki M Saud) P Feilden 8-11 ... R Fox 3
608 QUEEN OF SAHARA (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 8-11 ... T Ives 9
609 RINGTAIL (E Loder) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn 8
610 STEPHIL (Ambrettabuilders Ltd) D Thom 8-11 ... P Robinson 1
611 TOLLY'S ALE (Tolly Cobbold Breweries) Mrs C Reavey 8-11 ... N Day 2

1984: Faraway Grey 8-11 T Ives (6-1) R Williams 10 ran.

7-4 Queen Of Sahara, 5-2 Ringtail, 4 Cool Gales, 6 Corrals Joy, 10 Dancing Fille, 16 Others.

RIPON

GOING: Heavy

Draw advantage: 5f, 6f low numbers best

2.45 HACKFALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,383: 6f) (11 runners)

1 0/00-2 TA MORGAN (D) (B) G Lewis 7-10-0 ... J Adams 7 11
3 10-00 FAIRGREEN D Chapman 7-9-2 ... Wendy Carter 5
4 -0000 SPLIT ACES (D) (B) P Brookshaw 4-9-2 ... P Mose 1
6 100-3 MUSIC MACHINE P Haslam 4-8-11 ... J Scally 8
8 00-00 OYSTON ESTATES (D) J S Wilson 9-8-5 ... E Turner 9
9 1330- BOARDMANS GLORY (C) J Berry 3-8-3 ... J Carroll 6
10 4-210 EASTBROOK (D) (BF) M H Easterby 5-8-3 (7 ex) G Graggs 7 10
11 000-0 NATINA-MAY (CD) D Moffatt 4-8-1 ... R Lappin 4
14 040-0 COMPOSER M James 7-7-11 ... C Rutter 2
17 0000- APHRODISIAC R Morris 4-7-8 ... D Fowler-Wright 3
21 000-3 MISS BELLA E Alston 4-7-7 ... Julie Bowker 7 7

1984: Blackpool Belle 3-7-7 A Geran (8-1) J Berry 20 ran.

3 Eastbrook, 7-2 Music Machine, 4 Ta Morgan, 5 Fairgreen, Boardmans Glory, 10 Oyston Estates, 12 Natina-May, 16 others

Ripon selections

By Mandarin

2.45 Ta Morgan. 3.15 Red House Lady. 3.45 Final Step. 4.15 Royal Rouser. 4.45 Dublin Lad. 5.15 Gundreda.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.45 Music Machine. 3.15 Balmacara. 3.45 Don Runi. 4.15 Examination. 4.45 Old Brownie. 5.15 Gundreda.

Michael Seely's selection 3.15 Tarleton (nap).

3.15 DANBY SELLING HANDICAP (£1,100: 1m) (20)

1 00-00 MURILLO (B) F Carr 9-9-10 ... J Carr 7 14
4 3-000 KIEV (D) R Hollinshead 4-9-2 ... S Perks 7
5 000-0 STAR EVENT J Etherington 4-9-1 ... G Duffield 15
6 3002- HIGHVIEW P Bevan 4-9-0 ... D Dineley 16
7 02140- BALMACARA P Felden 4-9-0 ... A Shoults 7 9
9 0031- MISS RAPID W A Stephenson 4-9-0 ... E Guest 5 5
11 000-0 TOLLYMORE P Calver 6-8-12 ... M Fry 20
15 000-0 MARSHALL RED (B) A Robson 5-8-8 ... J Bleasdale 1
17 034-0 HOME AND TRADE B Morgan 4-8-7 ... B Crossley 13
18 4000- WOODPECKER BOY J FitzGerald 4-8-7 ... G Oldroyd 19
19 000-1 TARLETON (D) P Rohan 8-8-7 ... C Dwyer 3
20 000-0 LITTLE NEWINGTON N Bycroft 4-8-5 M Richardson 7 11
21 000-2 RED HOUSE LADY T Barron 3-9-5 ... S Webster 8
23 0200- UNIT TENT (D) G Lewis 7-8-4 ... P Waldron 4
24 203-0 FIRESPARK (B) M Camacho 6-8-4 ... J Lowe 2
25 /0000- STEVULA D Garraton 4-8-3 ... B Coogan 6
26 000-0 FOLLOW THAT CAB P Felgate 4-8-3 ... S P Griffiths 5 18
28 000/0- SUNNY REEF L Barratt 5-8-2 ... E Johnson 10
29 0000- BROMWICH BOY L Barratt 5-8-2 ... A Proud 17
30 00-42 BROON'S LADY (BF) K Stone 4-8-2 ... G Brown 7 12

1984: Gaygig 4-8-9 D Nicholls (7-1) D Chapman 19 ran

5 Broon's Lady, 6 Firespark, 7 Unit Tent, Red House Lady, 8 Balmacara 9 Kiev 10 Tarleton, Miss Rapid, 12 others

3.45 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: 1m 4f) (8)

1 02-01 DON RUNI D Morley 9-9 (5 ex) ... G Duffield 6
2 210-3 FINAL STEP T Fairhurst 9-7 ... C Coates 5 1
6 024-1 HUNTERS FEN (D) R Hollinshead 9-2 ... S Perks 4
7 230-0 WANDERING WALTER B Morgan 8-8 ... B Crossley 8
8 200-0 BREGA DIAMOND E Alston 8-7 ... S P Griffiths 5 7
9 0000- ROYAL HARLEQUIN P Calver 8-4 ... M Fry 5
10 00-04 GLEN-ROY-BOY (B) K Stone 8-3 ... C Dwyer 3
11 000-4 PATRALAN W Musson 8-3 ... P Waldron 2

1984: Hotkole 8-9 N Connorton (12-1) J W Watts 8 ran

9-4 Hunters Fen, 3 Final Step, 7-2 Don Runi, 11-2 Wandering Walter, 7 Brega Diamond 8 Patralan, 14 others.

4.15 GREWELTHROPE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,786: 5f) (7)

1 41 ROYAL ROUSER (D) R Hollinshead 9-8 ... S Perks 6
5 3 DANCING TOM T Fairhurst 8-11 ... C Coates 5 5
6 1 EXAMINATION A Bailey 8-11 ... A Bond 2
11 8 ST SEPULCHRE M W Easterby 8-11 ... K Hodgson 7
13 BROADHURST J Etherington 8-8 ... M Wood 1
16 OUR MUMSIE N Bycroft 8-8 ... C Dwyer 4
17 RIBOLETTA M Camacho 8-8 ... N Connorton 3

1984: Star Video 9-3 R Cochrane (15-8 fav) M McCormack 8 ran.

4 5 Royal Rouser, 3 Examination, 5 Dancing Tom, 8 St Sepulchre, 14 Broadhurst, 16 others

4.45 FOUNTAINS AUCTION STAKES (2-y-o: 5f) (12)

3 ARFUR DALEY C Tinkler 8-2 ... G Duffield 7
4 31 DUBLIN LAD (D) M Brittain 8-2 ... B Coogan 9
9 ABBA SONG P Felden 7-10 ... A Shoults 7 3
11 0 CASEY KEY M W Easterby 7-10 ... J Lowe 8
12 CROWN COLONY D Moorhead 7-10 ... K Darley 10
17 3 OLD BROWNIE A Bailey 7-10 ... S Dawson 3 2
18 TARA DANCER K Stone 7-10 ... M Wood 1
19 THE BIGHT T Fairhurst 7-10 ... R P Elliott 5
20 WELOVEYOUWEDNESDAY G Moore 7-10 ... A Proud 11
23 GLENEARN M W Easterby 7-7 ... M Fry 6
25 PRINCESS PAMELA P Felgate 7-7 ... A Mackay 12
28 0 WON CHIN N Tinkler 7-7 ... L Charnock 4

1984: Boardmans Glory 7-10 K Darley (4-1 fav) J Berry 23 ran.

11-10 Dublin Lad, 10-3 Old Brownie, 9-2 Glenearn, 8 Casey Key, 12 Abba Song, 16 others

5.15 SPA WELTER STAKES (£2,103: 1m 1f) (18)

1 1 L O BROADWAY D Moffatt 7-9-4 ... R P Elliott 11
2 CRUSHED ICE D Dale 5-9-2 ... J Scally 7 5
3 0000- EMPIRIC W C Watts 4-9-2 ... C Coates 5 8
4 JESTO J FitzGerald 4-9-2 ... G Oldroyd 4
5 200-0 JOHNNY FRENCHMAN A Watson 4-9-2 ... S Horsfall 5 2
6 0- NIGHT TRAIN G Moore 4-9-2 ... E Guest 5 9
7 00- RAMADI DAWN J Ciechanowski 4-9-2 ... R Street 15
8 0000/ REGAL EXPRESS H W Wharton 5-9-2 ... G Gosney 17
9 0030/ YARBOROUGH W Pearce 4-9-2 ... S Buckton 7 18
10 0000/ AUTUMN BALLET A Scott 6-8-13 ... K Darley 1
12 2200- PUBBY J Toller 4-8-13 ... NON-RUNNER 7
13 00-1 SAN CARLOS M Jarvis 3-8-5 ... B Raymond 10
14 32-11 GUNDREDA C Brittain 3-8-2 ... P Bradwell 14
17 00- BABSLAD R Stubbs 3-8-0 ... M Beecroft 6
19 BUTT OF LEWIS J Rowlands 3-8-0 ... S Webster 13
23 MATELOT C Thornton 3-8-0 ... J Bleasdale 16
26 SHANDON BELLS S Norton 3-8-0 ... NON-RUNNER 3
28 00-0 GREY CORAL T Fairhurst 3-7-11 ... — 12

1984. Moulton Boy 3-8-0 B Crossley (3-1 fav) G Wragg 20 ran.

11-8 Gundreda, 9-4 San Carlos, 13-2 L O Broadway, 12 Ramadi Dawn 14 others

PERTH

GOING: good to soft

2.30 BLACK WATCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£557: 2m) (9 runners)

2 p-00p SWEDISH PINE (D) M J Lambert 6-12-2 ... A Charlton
5 100f KALYOUB (BF) J S Wilson 5-10-13 ... P A Farrell
6 0812 IN THE BREEZE (D) (BF) N Tinkler 4-10-11 ... N Jackson
8 14p0 THE KNIFE (D) M B James 7-10-10 ... Sharron James
10 334p CALAMAN (B) P Monteith 5-10-5 ... D Jones
12 4432 MOON MELODY Ron Thompson 4-10-2 Jayne Thompson
13 p0p0 BETABLEND J Wilson 4-10-1 ... A Roberts
18 0040 HANNAHMAN (B) S L Bridge 8-10-0 ... W Knox
19 0p00 ERROLL'S EKITE T Craig 7-10-0 ... B Hay

1984: Sunspeed 6-10-0 K Teelan (4-1) J Kettelwell 7 ran.

2 In The Breeze, 11-4 Moon Melody, 4 Swedish Pine, 13-2 Kalyoub, 8 The Knife, 12 Hannahman, 16 others

3.00 STORMONT NOVICE CHASE (£835: 2m) (15)

1 4321 BORDER KNIGHT (D) J Haldane 10-11-7 ... R Lamb
2 2p0p GOLD CAMP (C) Ld Kilmany 9-11-7 ... J O'Neill
3 1f20 SAUCEPOT G W Richards 7-11-7 ... D Coakley 4
4 3-u BACK IN ACTION D Moorhead 6-11-0 ... D Condell 7
6 3332 DAWN DIVER N Crump 8-11-0 ... C Hawkins
8 p0f LAGER LAD (B) D G Swindlehurst 8-11-0 - Mr D Swindlehurst 7
9 03-p0 LEATHERSTOCKING N Bycroft 8-11-0 ... P Tuck
10 pp0 LOCHAN CORRIE J Haldane 8-11-0 ... J K Kinane
11 33fp- NEVER A BUCK Miss Z Green 13-11-0 ... J Goulding
12 3f0p POLOKI G Fairbairn 8-11-0 ... P A Charlton
14 30-00 SCOTTISH AIR W A Stephenson 8-11-0 ... K Jones
15 u000 TAMSON'S TIPPLE D Robertson 9-11-0 .. Mr D Robertson
17 0 COLDERS GIRL C Parker 9-10-9 ... B Storey
18 0042 LADY LAWYER J Brockbank 7-10-9 ... T G Dun
21 3004 BURGLAR'S WALK Denys Smith 5-10-7 ... C Grant

1984: Hot Pretence 7-10-0 B Storey (10-1) J S Wilson 9 ran

11-4 Dawn Diver, 7-2 Saucepot, 4 Border Knight, 11-2 Lady Lawyer, 8 Buglar's Walk, 12 Back In Action, Scottish Air, 14 others.

3.30 PERTHSHIRE DRAG HUNT HANDICAP HURDLE (£956: 3m) (11)

4 30-pp STRATH LEADER J A Edwards 7-11-7 ... P Barton
5 2000 FREEFLOW G W Richards 4-11-5 ... J Hansen
7 11f0 CONCANNAN M Naughton 8-11-3 ... A Brown
8 0000 AMANTISS (C) J Hanson 7-11-2 ... C Pimlott
9 44f0 GOOD TO SEE YOU (CD) J parkes 7-11-1 ... D Wilkinson
11 2230 KAMAL SIDDIQI M J Lambert 5-10-9 ... P A Charlton
12 f324/ TWIDALE J Wilson 12-10-8 ... Mrs G Rees
13 4310 ARMENISTIS S J Leadbetter 6-10-8 (4 ex) ... J O'Neill
17 400-0 TAMARIND GEM (CD) J H Johnson 9-10-0 ... J K Kinane
19 2-030 RABY R Allan 6-10-0 ... J K Kinane
26 0000 GOLDISOCKS T L Robson 7-10-0 ... Mrs R Lock

1984: Mr McCann 5-10-0 J O'Neill (3-1) R Fisher 8 ran

5-2 Freeflow, 3 Armenistis, 9-2 Kamal Siddiqi, 5 Concannan, 8 Tamarind Gem, Strath Leader, 14 Amantiss, 16 others.

4.00 PERTHSHIRE MEMORIES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,746: 3m) (8)

2 112-0 GOOD CRACK (D) J Hanson 8-12-1 ... C Pimlott
4 1-122 FATHER DELANEY (CD) (BF) Denys Smith 13-11-6 C Grant
5 211u CASTLE WARDEN J A Edwards 8-11-1 ... P Barton
6 2p0p CANTON N F Crump 11-10-11 ... K Whyte
7 3100 RUN'N FLY (D) A H Mactaggart 10-10-10 ... M Dwyer
8 04-1p VIRGINIA ROAD G W Richards 9-10-9 ... J K Kinane
10 p0p0 NARVIK (D) (B) N F Crump 12-10-4 ... C Hawkins
16 414b VIMY RIDGE C J Alexander 13-10-0 ... J O'Gorman 7

1984: Mister Moonshine 10-10-5 J O'Neill (4-1) R Fisher 4 ran.

7-4 Castle Warden, 3 Run'N Fly, 5 Father Delaney, 7 Good Crack, 10 Virginia Road, 14 Canton, 16 Narvik, 25 Vimy Ridge.

Perth selections

By Mandarin

2.30 In the Breeze: 3.0 Border Knight: 3.30 Concannan: 4.0 Castle Warden: 4.30 Rapid Gunner: 5.00 Veiled City: 5.30 Clannad.

4.30 ATHOLL NOVICE HURDLE (4-y-o: £669: 2m) (10)

5 040 BILLILOV Denys Smith 10-12 ... C Grant
9 0 HELLCATMUDWRESTLER W McGhie 10-12 ... J O'Neill
10 00 MASTER RICKIE D Swindlehurst 10-12 Mr D Swindlehurst 7
12 4 RAPID GUNNER J A Edwards 10-12 ... P Barton
13 0p0 SINGING SABRE Ld Kilmany 10-12 ... C Pimlott
14 p SONNY ONE SHINE R Allan 10-12 ... J K Kinane
15 00 WHISTLING STELLAR (B) M Naughton 10-12 P A Charlton
16 33 WISE CRACKER (BF) G W Richards 10-12 ... D Coakley 4
20 0023 LADY LOCKET (BF) M Lambert 10-7 ... A Charlton 7
21 MEL'S RETAL J Wilson 10-7 ... Mrs G Rees

1984: High Drop 10-6 B Storey (8-1) F Storey 8 ran.

7-4 Rapid Gunner 5-2 Wise Cracker, 5 Lady Locket, 6 Hellcatmudwrestler. 10 Billilov 14 Master Rickie, 16 others.

5.00 SCONE PALACE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,251: 2m) (9)

1 0121 VEILED CITY (D) F Storey 9-12-3 (2 ex) ... B Storey
2 0-1pp CARDINAL'S OUTBURST (D) J A Edwards 10-11-11 P Barton
5 1114 TROILENA (D) R Fisher 9-11-4 ... J D Doyle 4
8 1022 BIRSBY (CD) R McDonald 11-10-13 ... P A Farrell 7
9 1u04 PRIMROSE WOOD (CD) G W Richards 7-10-10 J Hansen
11 u4p3 SUPER SOLO (CD) T Craig 9-10-7 ... S Charlton
13 4030 SAINT-MUNN (B) Mrs D Cuthbert 11-10-1 ... R Earnshaw
14 2040 EVEN MELODY (CD) N Crump 10-10-0 ... C Hawkins
16 0200 DR GUILLOTINE (CD) W Fairgrieve 10-10-0 ... P Tuck

1984: Blackfeet 5-10-6 S Charlton (2-1 fav) J S Wilson 7 ran.

11-4 Veiled City, 4 Troilena, 11-2 Super Solo, Birsby, 7 Primrose Wood, 10 Cardinal's Outburst, 12 Saint-Munn, 14 others.

5.30 WIN WITH THE TOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (£983: 3m) (6)

3 3b33 CLANNAD R Fisher 6-11-7 ... M Meagher 4
4 0000 COPY WRITER (B) T Cuthbert 7-11-7 ... D McCaskill
5 3fp0 LARBY HILL Mrs J Goodfellow 10-11-7 ... B Storey
7 3002 VICTORY MORN J Dixon 9-11-7 ... K Doolan 4
10 0043 LINPAC GOLD (B) S Bridge 6-11-2 ... W Knox 7
14 THE FRIDGED MIDGET J Radfern 6-11-2 ... Mrs S Radfern

1984: No corresponding race.

15-8 Victory Morn, 9-4 Clannad, 4 Copy Writer, 8 Linpac Gold.

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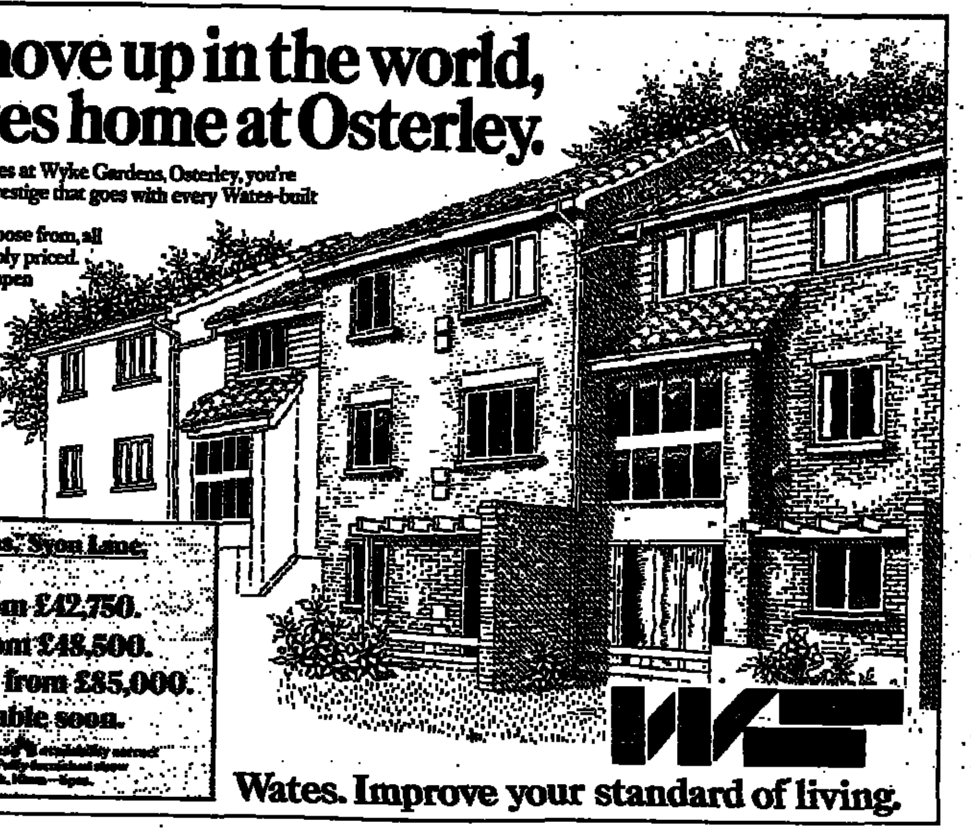

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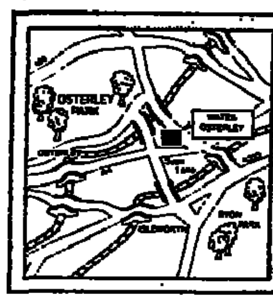

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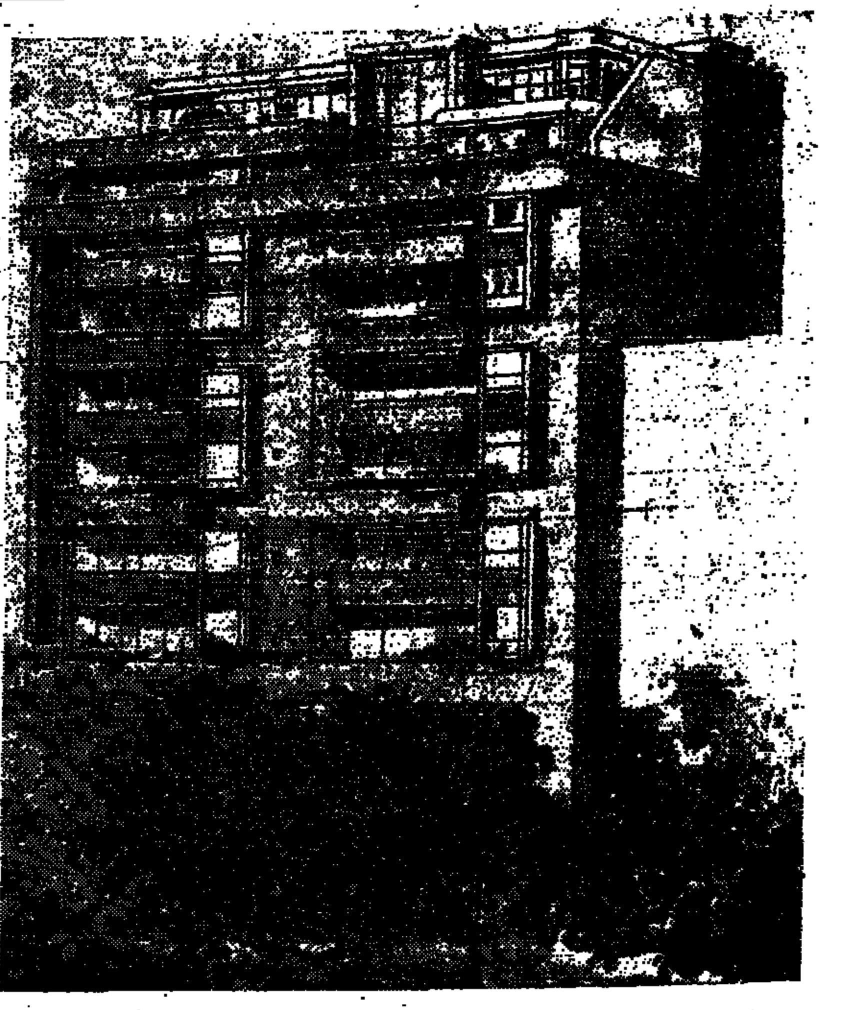

The front of Park St James overlooking Regents Park, many of whose apartments have been sold 12 months before the building is completed

In central London there seems no limit to the price a buyer will pay for the right flat in the right place. It does not have to be the best – and indeed it is impossible to decide which is the best – it merely has to offer what the right individual or company wants.

Lassmans of Old Bond Street are offering for sale what they claim to be London's most expensive single apartment. It is positioned at the top of one of the exclusive apartment buildings on the north side of Grosvenor Square, and about £3 million is being asked for the 50-year lease.

The apartment has five bedrooms, five bathrooms, and a private roof garden, and is being sold with most of the furnishings, paintings and antiques. According to Anthony Lassman, much interest is being shown in the property even at this price level, which would set a record for Grosvenor Square. The demand is international and it is thought that the price will not present a problem.

That is an exceptional property, but Mr Lassman reports enormous interest at two contrasting flat developments that seem to indicate changing fashions in purchasing.

Park St James is a luxury block under construction on Prince Albert Road directly overlooking Regents Park, with 999 year leases and prices ranging from £300,000 to £1.375 million for a duplex penthouse. Already, however, 12 months before completion most of them have been sold, and all the sales have been concluded on the stage payments basis.

This method of payment is well used in the Far East on buildings under construction, but in central London previously it has been tried only with a few new apartment blocks, and without success, giving way to the more conventional 10 per cent deposit and balance on completion method.

Mr Lassman claims that the location and quality of Park St James has attracted such international interest that stage payments are successful. He says: "With a 20 per cent deposit payable on exchange of contracts and equal stage payments spread over the course of construction, speculators have been eliminated from the buyers. This has had no effect on flat sales since demand is far outweighing supply."

There have been buyers so far from the UK, South Africa, Rhodesia, Singapore, Kuwait and the Continent. This month the penthouse floors on the ninth and tenth floors are "launched", and it is possible that the two penthouses at £1.25 million and £1.375 million, will be bought by one international buyer who will join them together.

Number 100, Piccadilly is the first new residential development on Piccadilly for 25 years, where behind the period facade a tropical atrium privides the focal point for this sophisticated development by London and Leeds Investments.

Here, with an obvious appeal to companies, the greatest interest has been displayed in the show apartments, three of four of which have been sold. Mr Lassman says that further show flats are being planned to cater for this demand not just for an apartment, but for a fully furnished, completed apartment.

With elaborate security systems and 24-hour porterage, the block has 10 flats, priced from £315,000 to £490,000 for those remaining. They have 75-year leases, which is good compared with many of the best areas of Knightsbridge and Belgravia, where if you want to buy a flat rather than a house leasehold is the only choice.

Victoria Mitchell of Savills points out that leases in Cadogan Place generally have only nine to 10 years to run, Egerton Gardens 31 years, Lennox Gardens 29 years, Cadogan Square 38 and Eaton Place 14 to 99 years. Reassuring the potential buyer, she says that there appears to be little difference in the value of the short lease over the longer lease.

The price is determined by the flat itself, rather than the length of lease, and the main requirements have not changed in the last few years. She lists them as large reception rooms overlooking trees and gardens and within walking distance of Harrods.

A two-bedroom flat in Cadogan Place sold in 1973 on a 24-year lease for £20,000 would probably now achieve more than £110,000 on a nine-year lease, and a four-bedroom maisonette in Cadogan Place sold in 1976 on a 19-year lease for £68,500 would probably now fetch £145,000 – "not bad going for what is supposed to be a depreciating asset", she concludes.

Away from the most expensive area, but with the asset of a riverside location, a new block of flats containing studio and duplex apartments has just been completed on the south side of the Thames by Battersea Bridge opposite Cheyne Walk.

Developed by Sunley Holdings, each of the apartments and double-height studios has its own private, paved terrace, with panoramic views of the river. Accommodation ranges from a one-room studio to duplex apartments. Prices for 125-year leases range from £65,000 to £175,000 through joint agents Aylesford and Co and Knight Frank and Rutley.

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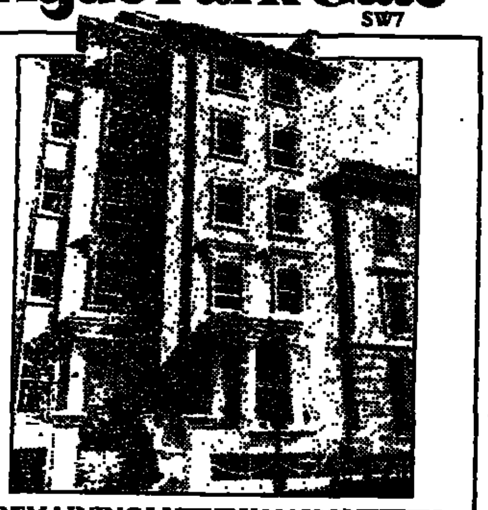

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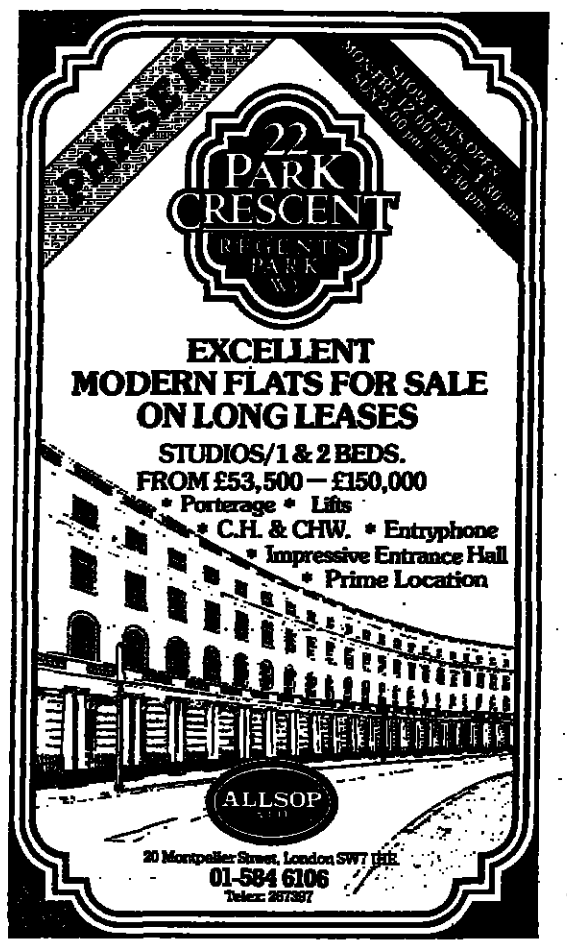

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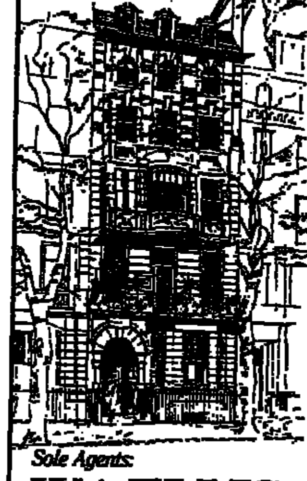

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Though the manor once included a windmill and had a fair held on its land, the lordship is now of name only. Its long line of distinguished owners has included Anne, wife to one of the princes believed murdered in the Tower in 1482, Mary Tudor, who was at Kenninghall when the news of her succession to the throne was brought to her, and for 300 years until 1872, the dukes of Norfolk.

■ **Heath Lodge, in the Bishops Avenue, Hampstead, the palatial home of Aristos Constantinou, the Greek fashion millionaire who was shot dead, is for sale at £2 million through Glentree Estates. The seven-bedroom, Georgian-style house stands in 1¾ acres with stables and an aviary. A peacock in the aviary and a Rolls-Royce are also for sale.**

Name fame

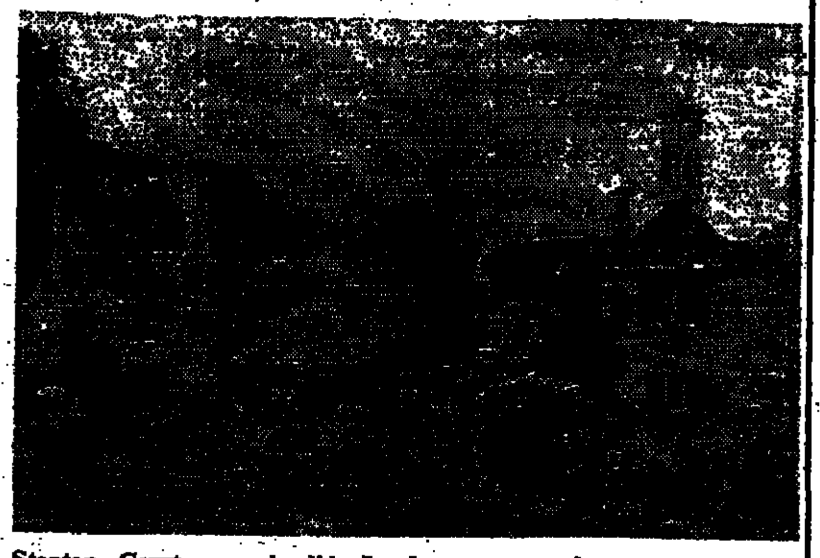
■ Chieflowman House, Uplowman, Tiverton, Devon, owes its name to Richard De Lowmine who became the overlord of the area after the 1066 Conquest and gave the then Domesday manor to his eldest son when it was known as Child De Lowmine.

The present house dates in part from the 16th century but mostly from the early 19th century, built by William Farant Merson, a physician, whose family have lived there for 250 years. It lies in the valley of the River Loman three miles from Tiverton, and has two reception rooms, five main bedrooms and three secondary bedrooms. Garden and paddock total about three acres. Strutt and Parker's Exeter office are seeking £90,000.

■ **Pointon Grange, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire, is a country house for the keen cricketer – it has a private pitch. The three reception room, five-bedroom house, stands in about nine acres, has a cottage and a swimming-pool complex. William H Brown (Lincoln 44041) are asking £175,000.**

Estate for sale

■ Lord Gretton is selling the Grade I listed Stapleford Park, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, through Humberts' London and Stamford offices, seeking more than £600,000 for the 35-acre estate. Stapleford Park dates from about 1500 with the building of the Tudor wing, which was remodelled in 1633, and a Jacobean-style facade was added in the 19th century. The main house has nine reception rooms and 12 main bedrooms, with three flats in the outbuildings, five cottages and a stable block.



Stanton Court, a splendid Jacobean manor house at Stanton, Gloucestershire, is to be sold by Sir Alexander and Lady Glen, who have lived there since the early 1970s. Believed to date from the reign of James I, the property, with a total of 62 acres, is on offer at around £1 million through Knight Frank and Rutley's London and Chipping Norton offices. The house had a Georgian wing added in 1746 and at the turn of the century was thoroughly restored by the amateur architect Sir Philip Stott. It has a double drawing room, two other reception rooms and a billiard room, five bedroom suites and five further bedrooms.

History at a price

The housebuyer's fascination for period properties of all ages, shapes and sizes continues unabated despite the difficulties that many of them bring to their owners. The pride in having a house listed as being of architectural or historical interest is tempered by the financial burden of keeping it in good repair and the restrictions that the listing places on it.

Demand nevertheless remains high, and since the Department of the Environment last year ceased the publication of its quarterly list of historic building for sale because of spending cuts, the gap has been increasingly filled by the *Period Property Register*, published by the Historic Buildings Company, formed to help those owning or buying historic property.

Their latest issue, just published, contains more properties than ever – over 500 – ranging in age from medieval to Victorian, from the smallest cottage to the largest manor house, and extending overseas to chateaux in France.

The increase in numbers is the result both of more estate agents supporting the register and more owners looking to sell their homes privately.

There are properties to be bought for next to nothing, although that usually means vast expense to make them habitable. Low Fulney, near Spalding, Lincolnshire, for example, is for sale at around £10,000 (William H. Brown: 0472 361535). With medieval origins, it had eight rooms, two with vaulted ceilings, and needs extensive modernization. A medieval timber-frame cottage close to the centre of Westerham, Kent, is for sale at £77,500 (Edward Leslie and Partners: Westerham 63264).

Several redundant churches find their way into the pages. At East Wittering, West Sussex, the church with its early 12th-century south door, is on offer, unpriced, through King and Chasemore (0243 783173). To convert a redundant church is a big project but it can be done. At Woburn, Bedfordshire, a detached chapel built in 1804 and enlarged in 1854, has been converted to a private home with one reception room, studio with mezzanine floor and two bedrooms. Page and Partners (052525 641) are asking £79,000.

Among the unusual properties, an oast house at Leigh, Tonbridge, Kent, last used for drying hops in the late 1960s, with consent for conversion to a dwelling, is available through Clutton's East Grinstead office. The same agents (0342 28444) are selling a Victorian cottage, also at Leigh, believed to have been built in 1893, containing one reception room and three bedrooms, in nearly two acres, with a roadside "hovel" included. It needs improvement and is to be auctioned.

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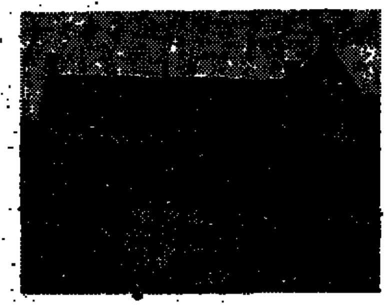

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BIRTHS

ANDERSON. – On April 7th, in San Francisco, to Jenny (née Etherington) and Jeff – a son, Phillip Albert.

BIRD.–On April 14th, to Sue (née Fairhead) and Dick–a daughter (Molly Eleanor).

KAVANAGH – On March 28th at Barts, to Suzanne (née Pabiot) and Gerry – A daughter, Zoe Pascale, sister for Sophie, Natalie and Bruno.

LAW – On April 16th to Philippa (née Davenport) and Tim, a son, Torquil Rory Duncan.

LONG. – On April 15th to Pat (née Armin) and David, a son, a brother for Anthony.

MACLAREN – On April 7th to Davine (née Honess) and Nicholas, a daughter Tamsin Elizabeth Katherine.

MASON – On 11th April 1985 to Honor (née Roberts) and John, at Guys Hospital, a daughter. (Laura Anne).

McGRATH – on April 16th, to Sharon (nee Harber) and Brendan – a son, Adam James.

MERRIAM – On April, 3rd at Northallerton to Emma (née Stobart) and Graham, twin sons, Angus Andrew and Richard David.

PLEMING.–On April 10th, 1985, to Eve (nee Hoffmann) and Nigel– a daughter (Joanna Elizabeth Hatherley).

REED – On Saturday 13th April, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Patricia (nee Fletcher) and Richard, a son William Fletcher, a brother for Adam.

RING on 15th April 1985 to Lizzie and Malcolm at St Thomas' Hospital a son, Thomas Malcolm Abernethy.

TEBBETT – On April 13th to Fiona (Nee Hayden) and Simon, a daughter Lauren Bryony.

WARNER.–On April 15th, to Sue (née Adderley) and Alan–a son (Nicholas Redston).

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CAPT W. D. S. WHITE.–Many happy returns to a very much loved father and grandfather on your 70th birthday. From all your family.

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MARK – Happy birthday darling. All our love, Sarah and Guy.

MARRIAGES

MARCOU. Fields on March 30th in London. Manuel to Cathy.

DEATHS

MARTELL – On April 15th, at The Retreat, York, Captain Colin Colenso, D.S.C., R.N. (retd), husband of the late Marguerite and father of Colin John, David, Ian and Andrew. Funeral at St John's Church, Snods Edge, Shotley Bridge, on Saturday, April 20th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, no letters please.

BARNET – suddenly on April 12th in his 57th year, David Cargill Barnet, beloved husband of Doris Marian and much loved father of Ian, Andrew and Graham. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium on Thursday, April 18th at 4pm. Flowers to E Seymour & Sons Ltd, 26 Marlborough Road, St Albans.

BELSHAM. – On 2nd April, Brig. W. Frank Belsham, FFARCS, late I/RAMC, suddenly while on holiday in Jamaica. Beloved husband of Daphne and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral date to be announced. Request family flowers only. Donations if wished to D. F. Belsham, B Account, for Homes for Able Autistic Adults, Barclays Bank, Bexley, Kent.

BLANDY. On April 14th, 1985, peacefully, in her 91st year, Dorothy Kathleen, widow of Sir E. Nicholas Blandy, KCIE, CSI, ICS.

BRISCOE – On April 14th, 1985, very peacefully after a severe stroke, Doris Winifred (Doorsa), aged 86 years, the devoted wife for 59 years of Dr A. Daly Briscoe of Seckford Lodge, Woodbridge, Suffolk, much loved by her children, grandchildren and innumerable relations and friends. Cremation service April 19th for family only. Flowers (no wreaths) may be sent to E. B. Button & Sons, 24 St John's St., Woodbridge. If preferred, donations can be sent to: League of Hospital Friends, 28 Mornington Ave., Ipswich. A memorial service will be held later.

BRUCE – Peacefully on Saturday 13th April, Eliza Mary, widow of J. L. Bruce of Ashton Keynes and last surviving child of John Atkin Walter, of Pen Park, near Bristol 9N. Her 87th year. Funeral at Ashton Keynes Church, on Monday April 22nd at 11am.

BURKE-MURPHY. – On 14th April, peacefully in hospital, Lieutenant-Colonel Edmund Victor Burke-Murphy, OBE, MC, late of the Ulster Rifles, aged 87. Dear brother of Muriel and father of Peter. Cremation at Roselawn Crematorium, Belfast, on Saturday, 20th April, at 11am. No letters, please.

CLINTON. – On April 15th, George Thomas (Tom), peacefully at home, after a long and bravely endured illness, dearly loved husband of Mary and father, grandfater and great-grandfather. Funeral at St Mary's, Buckland, 12 noon, 18th April. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to church restoration fund.

COLLINS – On April 15th, peacefully at his home at Woolstone, Gloucestershire, Norman Robert Francis Collins, OBE, FRTPI, ARIBA, FRSA, father of Timothy and Kate. Funeral service at Woolstone Parish Church, on Saturday, April 20th, at 2pm. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

COLLYER-BRISTOW – On April 12th 1985 tragically on the Isle of Aran, Perninnah May of Shipton Moyne, Gloucestershire. Beloved mother of Susan and Simon. Service of Thanksgiving at St John The Baptist Church, Shipton Moyne on Friday April 19th 1985 at 12.30pm, followed by private burial. Family flowers only. Donations for Malmesbury Hospital League of Friends. Donations and enquiries to H and C Matthews, Malmesbury 2216.

COULSON – Gladys on 14th April at Cheltenham beloved wife of Norman and dear mother of Robert and Ann. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Monday 22nd April at 11am. Flowers may be sent to W. S. Trenhaile, 174, Bath Rd., Cheltenham.

DAY. – On April 15th, after a short illness, Gladys Eunice, dearly loved mother of John and Susan, wife of Edward. Funeral service at Gringley Church, 11 am, Friday, 19th, followed by private committal.

de LANGE. – On April 10, Daisy, aged 92, beloved wife of the late John de Lange. Much loved by her daughters Doreen and Esmé and their families.

DUNCAN. – On Sunday, 14th April, at home, James Struan, aged 40, husband of Tricia and father of Graeme and Louisa. Private family cremation. Memorial service to be held at Inveraven Church, Ballindalloch, on Wednesday, 1st May, at 11am. Donations to Bristol Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Clifton, Bristol.

EDMONDS. – On April 14th, Alice Linda, aged 100, of Cock Brig, Crowborough. Beloved wife of the late William Stanley Edmonds, CMG, OBE, and mother of Elizabeth and Ann. Enquires please to Paul Bysouth, Funeral Director, Tel. Crowborough 5000

GAHAN – Madge, widow of Frank, peacefully in Guernsey on 14th April 1985. Private funeral.

GORDON. – Suddenly on 15th April at Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, Donald, beloved husband of Molly and much loved father of Charles, Andrew and Alastair. Funeral in Aberdeen on 17th April. Memorial service in London at St Anne's, Kew Green, at 11.30am on Monday, 22nd April.

GREEN. – On 12 April, at St Bartholomews Hospital, London, peacefully, after a short illness Elsie Ida, aged 85, wife of the late Rev D Eustace Green. Mother of Douglas and grandmother of Nicholas and Naomi. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Swanley Village, Swanley, Kent, on Friday, 19th April, at 2pm. Flowers to W G Miller, 96 Essex Road, London, N1. Tel: 01-226 3886 no later than 10am Friday.

HOLMES. – On April 15th in Sheffield, Geoffrey, dear husband of Pat & loving father of John & Julie, service at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield on Friday April 19th at 10am. No flowers or letters please but donations for either St Lukes Nursing Home or Claremont Nursing Home, may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield.

HUMBERT. – On April 15th at home, aged 52, after a long illness, courageously fought, Gillian Margaret Frances, widow of Robert, beloved mother of Sue, Vicky and David Aspinall, daughter of Marion Allsopp. Funeral service at St Nicholas's Church, Harpenden, Herts, on April 22nd at 12 noon, to be followed by private cremation and later interment of her ashes at St Leonard's, Flamstead, with those of Robert. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund or Marie Curie Foundation.

HUMPHRIES, EDITH. – On April 13th, quickly and peacefully, friend and helper to the Russells of The Ridgeway, Shere, for over 65 years.

JEPHCOTT. – On April 15, Doris, Lady Jephcott, peacefully at Westwood, 1 Cheney Street, Pinner, widow of Sir Harry, mother of Sir Anthony and Neil. Family funeral at East Chapel, Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, East Chapel, on Monday April 22 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to NSPCC. Please, no letters.

KIRBY – On April 15th peacefully in her sleep after a short illness, Margaret (Biny), of Downs House, Petersfield. Flowers to Petersfield Funeral Services. Service – Guildford Crematorium, 12 noon, April 22nd.

LAW – Suddenly on April 13th, Donald William aged 74, beloved husband of Sibyl, father of Alexandra and stepfather of Frances, devoted grandfather. Funeral Friday April 19th at St Mary The Virgin, Hartfield, 2pm. Family flowers only, donations to RNLI, c/o Lloyds Bank, Crowborough, Sussex.

LONGSTAFFE – Constance Mary 'Tessa' (formerly Gold), much loved by John, Berta and Diana, peacefully in her 93rd year, at Weald House Nursing Home, St Neots on April 11th. Service at Cambridge Crematorium, 3pm, April 18th. Family flowers only. Any donations if desired to Save The Children Fund.

LORNE. – On April 14, 1985, peacefully at home and in her 90th year, Margot Layton (nee Millis), widow of John Fourth Lord Chesham and of Francis Lorne, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving for her life, will be held at St Mary's, Preston Candover, on Friday, April 19, at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations if desired to the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

MacGWIRE. – On April 11th, 1985, peacefully at home in Folkestone, Jean Mary, aged 75 years. Requiem mass at St Mary's Convent, Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, on Monday, April 29th, at 11am, followed by interment at Putney Vale Cemetery at 3.15pm. Flowers to 1 Dover Road, Folkestone, or donations to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex.

MARTIN.–Suddenly, at home, in Torquay, on 15th April, Cecil Martin, aged 96, much loved father of Victor, Robin, Ivo and Donald, formerly managing director of Tarmac Ltd. for 32 years. Funeral service at Torquay Crematorium at 4 p.m. on Friday, 19th April. No flowers, please.

McCRINDLE – Peacefully on 11th April, Susan, widow of Major J Ronald McCrindle, cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday April 18th at 2.30 pm.

McLEOD. – On 11th April, 1985, Enid Devoge McLeod, CBE, FRSL, Officer of the Legion of Honour. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Tuesday, 23rd April, at 2.30pm. Roses may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 212 Eversholt Street, NW1, by 1pm.

PICKERING. – On 14th April, 1985, peacefully at Oldroyd House, Canterbury, Owen Clement, aged 84 years. Formerly of the Westminster Bank. Cremation at Barham Crematorium on Tuesday, April 23rd, 1985, at 10am. Flowers and enquiries, Lyons Funeral Services, Military Road, Canterbury. Tel. Canterbury 463508.

QUENNELL. – On April 15th, Albert Mathieson (Bert), aged 78, peacefully in Bristol. Beloved husband of Maidie. Loved father of Peter and Hope. Luise and Trevor. Pamela and Carl and Julian and proud grandfather. Family flowers only please.

SEBRIGHT – On April 16th in France, Sir Hugo G E Sebright Bart, after a short illness, beloved husband of Victoria.

VAN WYCK. – Mary Susanna (Susie), widow of Wilfrid, peacefully, Saturday, April 13th. Funeral Christ Church, Woking, at 3 pm Friday April 19th, followed by cremation. All enquiries to Woking Funeral Service, Tel: Woking 61754.

WILLMOTT. – On April 14, 1985, peacefully at home, Dewsbury House, Kelsall, Cheshire, Ivor Alan Willmott, much loved husband of Catherine, and dearly loved and loving father and grandfather. Private cremation, family only please.

WILSON – On April 14th, 1985, the Reverend Maurice James Fraser (Lt Col KSLI retd), of Lovel Hollow, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, loved and loving husband of VE, father of Jennifer, Carolyn and Vanessa, and dear granded of his nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral service at All Saints, Baschurch, on Friday, April 19th, at 11.30am, followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations to USPG please. Enquiries to the funeral directors, W R R Pugh & Son, Tel: Shrewsbury 4646.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BIGHAM. A Memorial Mass will be held for the late Hon Lady Bigham, OBE, on Thursday, May 9th at 2.30pm at Farm Street Church.

FELLOW – There will be a Memorial Service for the late Professor G. E. Briggs, Fellow, in the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, at 12 noon on Saturday 18 May 1985.

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SELF, nee HOLMES, HELANA SELF nee HOLMES, WIDOW, late of 310 Richmond Road, Sheffield, died at Sheffield on 18th December 1983 (Estate about £5,050).

SHEPHERD, JOHN LEONARD SHEPHERD, late of 19 Sycamore Terrace, Bootham, York, died there on 15th November 1984 (Estate about £20,800).

SUTCLIFFE nee SHAW, KATHLEEN ISABEL SUTCLIFFE otherwise KATHLEEN ISOBEL SUTCLIFFE nee SHAW, WIDOW, late of 126 Montague Avenue, Leeds, West Yorkshire, died in Leeds on 14th August 1984 (Estate about £19,000).

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LEGAL NOTICES

(Re the Trusts of the Will of BETSY WHATLEY deceased.)

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Dated this 29th day of March 1985.

JEAN GARON,
Liquidator.

NO. 1342032
The Companies Acts 1948 to 1981
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
SPECIAL RESOLUTION
(Pursuant to sections 141 (2) & 278 (1) (a) of the Companies Act 1948)
J. G. INDUSTRIAL PRESS & PUBLIC RELATIONS LIMITED
Passed 29th March 1985

At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at 4 MARLOW MILL, MILL ROAD, MARLOW, BUCKS, on the 29th day of March 1985, the subjoined SPECIAL RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz.:–

RESOLUTION

That the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that JEAN GARON of 4 Marlow Mill, Mill Road, Marlow, Bucks, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up

JEAN GARON,
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Dated this 4th day of APRIL 1985.

S. D. SWADEN,
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LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 9th day of April 1985.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Sue Cook. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; the new Top Twenty at 7.32; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, d-i-y hints, financial advice and holiday ideas for schoolchildren.

9.20 **Ceefax 10.30 Play School** presented by Wayne Jackman who follows the Caterpiller Trail with Stuart Bradley.

10.50 **Gharbar.** Magazine programme for Asian women. This week's edition includes a discussion about tenants and landlords. **11.15 Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Frances Coverdale and Michael Cole. The weather prospects come from Michael Fish 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes a discussion on marriage and relationships between Claire Rayner and Asian agony aunt, Lallash Puri. Michael Smith's guest is Prue Leith who talks about British cookery schools. **1.45 Mr Benn.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). **2.00 Ceefax. 3.53** Regional news (not London).

3.55 **Lay on Five,** presented by Floella Benjamin. Pupils from Lee Bank Primary school, Birmingham, launch their spacecraft. **4.10 The Wombles** (r). **4.15 The Biskitts.** Cartoon series. **4.35 Take Two,** presented by Josephine Buchan. One by One is under discussion this week and in the studio are the author of the books the series was based on, David Taylor, and the star, Rob Heyland.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 The Red Hand Gang.** Part four (r). **5.35 Grange Hill.** Cheating rears its ugly head in both the classroom and the sports field (Ceefax).

6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Jeremy Paxman. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Among this evening's guests are Howard Keel and Sabrina Shalom.

7.40 **Monkey Business.** Natural history quiz. The team captains, Floella Benjamin and Jeremy Cherfas, are joined by Lynsey De Paul, Sheila Anderson, Neil Innes and Mike Smith. The questionmaster is Henry kelly

8.10 **Dallas** J R, Bobby and Ellis are formally notified that Cliff and Jamie are suing for their share of Ewing Oil. Then Pam teams-up with Cliff and Jamie in retaliation against JR for having misled her about Mark (Ceefax).

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.25 **QED – Riddles of Ball and Cue.** A documentary made by Peter Lawrenson, an academic working on the science of sport at Brighton Polytechnic, in which he examines the mysteries of the game of snooker. Lawrenson has the invaluable assistance of Steve Davis in his research and during the game they play both answer questions that must puzzle the armchair spectator (see Choice).

9.55 **Sportsnight** introduced by Harry Carpenter: Steve Davis begins his second round match in the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship; plus action from the Barrett-Duff boxing promotion from London's York Hall. In action are Mark Kaylor and Cornelius Boza Edwards.

12.10 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop music at 7.54; video report at 8.40; gardening advice at 9.05. The guests include Nina Simone and Polly James.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Sesame Street. 10.25 Life on the Forest Floor.** How animals of the forest use fallen leaves and rotting tree stumps as food and protection. **10.35 Cartoon Time** starring Woody Woodpecker.

10.45 **Hands.** The skill of the craftsmen building curraghs. **11.10 Once Upon a Time . . . Man.** An animated film depicting the Belle Epoque. **11.30 About Britain.** The Vale of the White Horse during five January days.

12.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet adventures of the Spoon family. For the very young. **12.10 Our Backyard** (r).

12.30 **Raw Energy.** The first programme of a new series in which health and beauty writer Leslie Kenton and her daughter, Susannah, illustrate how a healthy diet need not be a dull one.

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. **1.20 Thames news** from Robin Houston. **1.30 A Country Practice.**

2.30 **On the Market.** Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with the week's best food buys. The guest cook is Renee Lister. **3.00 Gems.** More drama from the Covent Garden fashion workshop. **3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Button Moon.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggle Rock.** Adventures of a group of creatures who live underneath a light house. **4.50 Razzmatazz.** Pop music.

5.15 **Blockbusters.**

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of two schemes run by the Manpower Services Commission to help the disabled employees and their employers.

6.35 **Crossroads.**

7.00 **Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers.** The third programme in the series examines whether or not people can send thought messages to each other (Oracle).

7.30 **Coronation Street.** The Rovers' mastermind team are in action against one of the favourites for the Brainiest Pub title (Oracle).

8.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy.

8.30 **The Morecambe and Wise Show.** More classic sketches from the peerless pair of comedians (r).

9.00 **Widows.** The four women have made Harry Rawlins a cash offer to leave them alone. Will he accept? (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten and weather** followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **Midweek Sport Special.** Highlights of tonight's FA Cup semi-final replay between Manchester United and Liverpool.

11.40 **Film: The Dollar Bottom (1980)** starring Robert Urquhart. An Academy Award-winning short, based on a novella by James Kennaway, about the exploits of a young Scot with an ambition to become Chairman of Lloyd's of London. Directed by Roger Christian.

12.15 **Night Thoughts.**

A scene from Bluebeard (Channel 4, 9.00 pm)

CHOICE

● **PINA BAUSCH'S BLUEBEARD** (Channel 4, 9.00pm) is sporadically identifiable as ballet, intermittently recognizable as having something to do with Bartok's opera, *Bluebeard's Castle*, and tangentially suggestive of the tale of the brute who went in for multiple wife murder. It alternates between madhouse, sexual circus, frolic in girls' dorm after lights out, muscle-flexing class at the men's gymn, mass demonstration of the Apache dance, and display of mound-building using human corpses as the raw material. It repeats movements so often that you begin to fear you are experiencing the visual equivalent of a needle getting stuck in the groove of a record. It is both tedious and compulsively watchable, incomprehensible and grimly intelligible. I doubt if I have ever seen dancers behaving in such an abused and abusing manner. My photograph of two of the dancers including Jan Minarek, appeared in yesterday's Choice, with an incorrect caption. I apologize to the opera singer Eirian James for having amended both her sex and her sphere of professional activity.

● **RIDDLES OF BALL AND CUE** (BBC 1, 9.25pm), this week's Q.E.D. documentary, shows how foolish it is for world snooker champion Steve Davis to say that when the black is a whisker away from the pocket potting it can be taken for granted. Skill he has in abundance, but he has much to learn about the science of the game, why things can go terribly wrong when the table's green baize (much magnified) is like a cat's fur, and static electricity and cue chalk can combine to increase what the studio computer is busily registering as a league table of difficulty factors.

● Other recommended viewing tonight: Episode two of Arthur Hopcraft's fine adaptation of Dickens's **BLEAK HOUSE** (BBC 2, 9.00pm); and the **OPEN SPACE** film bearing the same title as the Dickens novel (BBC 2, 9.55pm) which shows that, though 130 years separate the two stories, the squalor of some working-class lives has changed little.

● Radio highlight: The final of the **MALE VOICE CHOIR OF THE YEAR** contest, which comes, appropriately, from Wales (Radio 2, 8.30pm).

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University:** Computing – Overseas Containers. **6.55** Arguments on Television: 2. Ends at 7.20. **9.00 Ceefax.**

2.30 **World Snooker.** Day six of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, introduced by David Icke. Kirk Stevens completes his first round game while Doug Mountjoy faces the second seeded Tony Knowles in the opening second round match of the tournament.

5.25 **News Summary** with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 **Film: Western Union (1941)** starring Robert Young, Randolph Scott and Dean Jagger. The story of the struggle to build the first trans-continental telegraph system in the United States. Set in the year 1861 the workers are beset by Sioux Indians, renegade Southerners and a love-tangle with the two suitors for the hand of the lovely Sue being a well educated "goodie" and a reformed "baddie". Based on a story by Zane Grey and directed by Fritz Lang.

7.00 **Ebony.** The first of a new series presented by Juliet Alexander and Vince Herbert. The expanding market for black writers is examined this week and features the work of award-winning teenager, Jenneba Sie Jalloh. There is also an item on the cheerleaders of Manchester United and music from City Limits and the Mutant Rockets.

7.30 **Bookmark,** introduced by Ian Hamilton. Claire Tomalin examines the life of Dorothy Wordsworth; Stratis Havlaras discusses his novel, The Heroic Age; and an item on the defenders of Esperanto.

8.20 **World Snooker.** Steve Davis continues his second round match against David Taylor and Cliff Thorburn completes his first round game.

9.00 **Bleak House.** Episode two of Arthur Hopcraft's dramatization of Charles ● Dickens's satire and Captain Hawdon's body is identified by young Jo. Krook, the owner of the lodging house where the dead man lived and where his body was found, is cross-examined by the coroner, but swears that Hawdon left no personal effects (Ceefax).

9.55 **Open Space: Bleak House.** A documentary about Burnley's Bleak House and Planetree Estate, built in 1938, which is now in a state of chronic disrepair. The residents complain that it has become a ghetto while non-residents look upon the place as a no-go area. With no money for improvements the council have tried for a quick sale but the residents are demanding more consultation.

10.25 **Newsnight. 11.20 Weather.** 11.25 Interval.

11.30 **Open University:** Electronics: Frequency Analysis. 11.55 Biology: The Rod Cell. Ends at 12.25.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Channel Four Racing** from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces coverage of four races - the April Maiden Stakes (2.35); the Ladbroke European Free Handicap (3.10); the Earl of Sefton Stakes (3.40); and the Abernant Stakes (4.10). The race-commentators are Graham Goode and Raleigh Gilbert.

4.30 **Isaura the Slave Girl.** Episode three (of 30) and the unfortunate young girl receives unwelcome advances from her mistress's lewd son. Followed by **Fantastico.** The sight and sounds of modern-day Brazil.

5.30 **Farming on 4,** presented by Barry Wilson. The story of a smallholder who exchanged his 20 Yorkshire acres for 700 in Manitoba.

6.00 **Ever Thought of Sport?** Part two of the six-programme series for the unemployed school leaver who prefers to stay fit rather than hang around all day, examines facilities available in this country for windsurfing.

6.30 **Danger Man.** John Drake disguises himself as a deckhand when in Genoa on the trail of a cocaine smuggling gang. But he is given a drugged drink and wakes up in the luxurious villa of a beautiful countess.

7.00 **Channel Four News** includes Lord Gowrie discussing government policy on Arts funding.

7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is filled by Jack Straw, Labour MP for Blackburn. Weather.

8.00 **How Wars End.** Programme two of A. J. P. Taylor's series covers the period following the defeat of Napoleon when Britain, Russia, Prussia and Austria suggested a conference to settle the future of Europe.

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Christine Chapman reports from the Federation of Conservative Students Conference at Loughborough.

9.00 **Dance on Four: Pina Bausch's Bluebeard.** Based on Bela Bartok's one-act opera, Duke Bluebeards Castle, danced by Jan Minarek and Beatrice Libonati with the Dance Theatre of Wuppertal (see Choice).

11.05 **Book Four.** Hermione Lee in conversation with Australian fiction writer, Peter Carey. Mr Carey talks about his latest novel, Illywhacker, which traces the progress of a con-man as he makes his way across Australia.

11.35 **Film: The Drayton Case*** (1953). The skeleton of a woman is discovered in the ruins of a school bombed during the war. It is assumed she died in the bombing but police scientists discover that she had been strangled. With Victor Platt, John Le Mesurier and Hilda Barry. The narrator is Edgar Lustgarten. Directed by Ken Hughes.

12.00 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves †

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time.

10.30 Morning Story: 'Lunch Hour' by Elaine Feinstein. Reader: Carole Hayman

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 9) †

11.00 News; Travel; Buried Alive. Inside America's hi-tech jails. Gerry Northam reports (r)

11.48 What's in a Name. Last of six programmes, presented by Denis Owen.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice, with John Howard

12.27 The Gold of the Conqueror. Last of a six-part serial by Colin Shaw with Steve Hodson as James Hamilton in 'The Raid and After' (r). 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One: News

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Body Map, the British fashion designers who are making a big name for themselves. Also, episode three of The Summer of the Barshinskeys.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Going Out the Back Way, by David Luck. With Christian Rodska, Barbara Marten and Helen Worth. Comedy, set in a school for surveillance. †

3.47 Time For Verse. A personal selection of poems compiled and presented by Dannie Abse.

4.00 Short Story: 'A Night to Remember' by Walter Lord. Reader: Brian Gear (3)

5.00 PM: News Magazine

6.00 The Six O'clock News

6.30 After Henry. Starring Prunella Scales. Comedy about three generations of women in one family.

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Ray Gosling – In the House of Gloria Patrick, who is in charge of a controversial youth training scheme in Birmingham.

7.45 Books The Century. Last of six programmes. Derek Parker talks to actress Janet Suzman about Paul Scott's Staying On

8.15 In Business. With Peter Hobday

8.45 Between Earth and Sky. A reflection on rural life in Victorian England in three parts. (2): Silence Becomes Me Best. With Nell Philip.

9.30 Where Death Delights. Second of three programmes about modern forensic pathology. With Professor Bernard Knight.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on Shelley's The Cenci, at the New Vic, Bristol, and C J Koch's book The Double Man

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'A Moveable Feast' by Ernest Hemingway. Abridged in eight parts (1). Reader: David Buck.

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (contd). 11.00 Study on 4: Get By in Portuguese. 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Modern Art: Cézanne. 11.50 Education Bulletin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Haydn's Symphony No 37 (L'Estro Armonico/Solomons); Godfrey's Variations on Lucy Long (Camden, basoon; London Mozart players); Saint-Saens's Piano Quartet in B flat Op 41 (Cantilena Chamber Players).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Your Midweek Choice (contd): Converse's Flivver Ten Millions (Louisville Orchestra/Mester); Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1 (Argerich/LSO).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Hindemith. Performances, on record, of Morgenmusik (Philip Jones Brass Ensemble); Wir bauen eine Stadt (Leipzig Radio Children's Choir/Instrumental Ensemble); Trio for recorders (David Munrow Recorder Consort); Martinalied Op 45 No 5 (New York Chamber Soloists); Funf Stucke, Op 44 No 4 (Academy of St Martin-in-Fields/Marriner).†

10.00 Prokofiev and Copland: Prokofiev's Scythian Suite (Chicago SO/Abbado); Copland's Billy the Kid: Corral Nocturne and Night Waltz (LSO/Copland).†

10.55 Martin Roscoe: piano recital. Schubert's Sonata in C, D 840. Sonata in A minor, D537†

11.35 BBC Welsh SO (under Owain Arwel Hughes). Vaughan Williams's Symphony No 8.†

12.05 Robert Tear: Tenor songs, with Antony Saunders (piano) and Emma Ferrand (cello). Works by Schubert; Reger; Wilhelm Rettich; Madeleine Dring.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Bill Evans: recordings by the American jazz pianist, including My funny Valentine.†

1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Lawrence), with Angela Malsbury (clarinet) and David Pettit (piano). Rossini's overture La Cenerentola; Elgar's Chanson de Matin; Langford's Scherzetto; Schmitt's Andantino in C. Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on Greensleeves; Derek Bourgeois's Concertino for clarinet and strings; Josef Strauss's waltz Village Swallows; Mendelssohn's overture The Fair Melusine.†

2.25 Bax Violin Sonatas: Dennis Simmons (violin) with Keith Swallow (piano). Violin Sonata No 2.†

3.00 Mozart: Academy of St Martin-in-Fiels Chamber Ensemble play the March in D K 445; and Divertimento in D K 334.†

4.00 Choral Evenson: from Liverpool Cathedral.† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mally for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections.†

6.00 Choral Voices: Reading Phoenix Choir sing Camilleri's Missa brevis; Brahms's Wo ist ein so herrlich Volk; Lvovsky's Hospodi Pomilui; Albert Lee Carr's Christo paremo canticum; Solon Michaelides's Crux fidelis.†

7.00 English Studies for Piano: Anthony Goldstone plays Pitfield's Studies on an English dance tune; John McCabe's Capriccio; Colin Matthews's Five Studies, 1974-76 †

7.30 Visitors: play by Terence Hards. With Harry Andrews, Rosalind Ayres, Janet Dale and others. The theme: sticking to the rules – and the power to make a choice.†(r)

8.15 Now and Then: with Sarah Walker (mezzo), Frances Kelly (harp). Nash Ensemble. David Lord's Septet; Respighi's Il tramonto; Roger Marsh's Two Movements; Andrew Vores's Five fantasias on two laments; Ravel's Introduction and Allegro.

9.35 Six Continents: Ian McDougall with a selection of foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

9.55 Strains from Moravia: Osvald Chlubna's Comedy overture (Brno State PO/Konvalinka); Ludwik Podest's Partita for strings, guitar and percussion (Czech PO/Belohlavek); Jaromir Podesva's Sinfonia da camera No 4 (Czech Chamber Orchestra Soloists/Matyas).†

10.35 Janacek: String Quartet No 1 (Medici String Quartet) †

11.00 Bach on Record: Wanda Landowska (harpsichord) plays the Goldberg Variations, BWV988, (first of two programmes) †

11.57 News. Until 12.00 VHF only: Open University. 6.35am to 6.55 Villa Madama

Radio 2

4.00am Howard Pearse.† 6.00 Bill Rennels.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05 pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†incl. 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton†incl. 4.02 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn†incl. 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 String Sound.† 8.30 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition (the two finalists meet to decide the winner.† 9.15 Listen to the Band. Charlie Chester with brass and military music. (Dammellington Silver Band) 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers. 10.00 Tom Mennard tells Local Tales. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight).† 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride.†3.00 Niall Murray Sings.† 3.30-4.00 Non-stop Stutz.†

Radio 1

6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies incl. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl 5.30 Nesbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.

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BBC 1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.35-6.00 Wales today. 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. **Scotland:** 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 7.40-8.10 Isobel. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 12.57pm-1.00pm Northern Ireland news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.35-5.40 Today's sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Grange Hill. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. **England:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Isaura the Slave Girl. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Interval. 2.30 Racing from Newmarket. 4.40 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner awr fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Bwyta'n Dda. 6.50 Dalganfod y byd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Goreuon Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.00 Mentro! Mentro! 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9.00 Snwcer. 9.40 Film: Intimate Agony (Robert Vaughn). 11.30 Diverse Reports. 12.00 Eastern Eye. 1.00am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25am-11.30 Poseidon Files. 12.30pm-1.00 Mr and Mrs. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35-3.00 Film: Fighting Stock* (Tom Walls). 3.30-4.00 Report Back. 5.15-5.45 Comedy Tonight. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 10.35 Midweek Scots Sport. 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 Journey to the Unkown. 12.40 Close.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Gather Your Dreams. 10.50 Land of the Dragon. 11.15-11.30 Abigail. 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 5.15-5.45 The Game. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 11.40 Rock 'n Roll Women. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am If I'm Lost, How Come I Found You? 9.50 Gather Your Dreams. 10.15-11.30 Film: Blue Bird (Shirley Temple). 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet's Life. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart. 5.15-5.45 Three Little Words. 6.00-6.35 News. 11.40 The Laughing Girl Murder. 12.10am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25am Indian Legends of Canada. 10.50-11.30 Rock of the Seventies. 12.30pm-1.00 Bygones. 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 11.40 Caring for Confusion. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25am Sport Billy. 10.50-11.30 Cities: Glasgow. 12.30pm-1.00 Clegg's People. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Gambit. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 11.40 Rock of the 70s 12.10 News, closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 10.25am Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 10.50 Professor Kitzel. 11.00 Fabulous Funnies. 11.25-11.30 Cartoon. 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 11.40 Journey to the Unknown. 12.30am News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Sport Billy. 9.50 Mr Smith. 10.15 Ray Reardon Master Class. 10.40-11.30 David Frost presents the Guinness Book of Records. 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 11.40 The Bee Gees. 12.10am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Little House On The Prairie. 10.15 Chance To Meet. 10.25 Dangerbreaks. 11.15-11.30 Mountain Habitat. 12.30pm-1.00 Keep It In The Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Bireli Lagrene. 12.35am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am Cartoon. 10.40 Protectors. 11.05-11.30 Fireball XL5. 12.30pm Vintage Quiz. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Ace Crawford, Private Eye. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 11.40 Genesis in America. 12.40am Seeing and Believing. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 9.50 Poseidon Files. 10.45 Mystery, Myth and Legend. 11.05-11.30 Fireball XL5. 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20-1.30 Granada reports. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada reports. 11.40 Hawaii Five-O. 12.35am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am Matt and Jenny. 10.50 Wattoo Wattoo. 11.00-11.30 Fireball XL5. 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Whose Baby? 2.00-2.30 Look Who's Talking. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Star Kids. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Callahan. 12.35am Company. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.25am Island Wildlife. 11.15-11.30 World's Children 12.30pm-1.00 Whose Baby? 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Cartoon Alphabet. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 10.30 Midweeek Scots Sport. 11.40 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.35am News.

TSW As London except: 10.25am Dangerfreaks. 11.15-11.30 Mountain Habitat. 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.25-2.30 Home Cookery Club. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Politics South West. 11.40 Mannix. 12.35am Postscript, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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GATE NOTTING HILL 221 0220/727 5750. LEILA AND THE WOLVES (15) 3.45, 5.30, 7.15, 9.00.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (ENQ)/839 1759 (24 hour Access/Visa bookings). MICKI & MAUDE (PG) Sep progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.30. Advance booking for 5.30, 8.30 perfs.

LUMIERE CINEMA 379 3014/836 0691 St Martins Lane, WC2 (nearest tube Leicester Sq) Julia Migenes-Johnson & Placido Domingo in Rosi's film of Bizet's CARMEN (PG) Film at 1.25, 4.30, 7.45. Seats bookable for 4.30 & 7.45 Perfs.

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (Opp Camden Town Tube) Yosseliani's FAVOURITES OF THE MOON (15). Film at 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50.

MINEMA KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225. "THE RETURN OF CAPTAIN INVINCIBLE" (PG) starring Alan Arkin (The Legend in Leotards) & Christopher Lee (Mr Midnight) "Funny & spectacular satire of comic-strip supermen (Telegraph). "Hilarious send up of the Supermen films" (Observer) Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. LATE NIGHT SHOW FRI & SAT 11pm.

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738). Walt Disney's LADY AND THE TRAMP (U) Sep progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30. All seats bookable in advance.

SCREEN ON ISLINGTON GREEN. 226 3520. BROKEN MIRRORS (18) 2.05, 4.20, 7.00, 9.00.

SCREEN ON BAKER ST. 935 2772 1. A MAN LIKE EVA (18) 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.05, Sat 11.15 2 STOP MAKING SENSE (PG) 3.20, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10. Sat 11.15

EXHIBITIONS

GLC KENWOOD EXHIBITION. Iveagh Bequest, Hampstead Lane. NW3. 50 Years on Glass: engraved glasses by Laurence Whistler and his sons & daughter. Open daily (incl Sunday). 10-5 (April until 7). Closes 25 April.

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY D'OFFAY 23 Dering St. W1. BRUCE McLEAN New Paintings. 629 1578.

BRITISH LIBRARY, Great Russell Street, WC1 SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The 200th anniversary of the newspaper. Wkdys 10-5. Suns 2.30-6. Adm free.

BROWSE & DARBY, 19 Cork Street. London W1. 734 7984. Philip Sutton. Recent paintings.

CHRISTIES Contemporary Art a retrospective exhibition of Victor Pasmore's graphic work – 1965 – 1985 10th-20th April CCA publications also on view Gallery Open 9.30-5.30 Mon-Fri. 10-1 Sat. 8 Dover St W1 01-499 6701.

GARTON & COOKE, 9 Lancashire Ct. New Bond St. W1 (opp. Fenwicks). 493 2820 Sir Francis Seymour Haden.

MARLBOROUGH, 6 Albemarle St. W1. Tel: 01-629 5161. Hugh O'Donnell Recent Work. Until 17 May, 1985. Fully illus cat avail. Mon-Fri 10-5.30 Sats 10-12.30. Adm. free.

MARTYN GREGORY: Dr. Thomas Boswall Watson. Physician and Amateur Artist in China. 11th-25th April, 10am-6pm (weekdays) 10am-1pm (Saturdays). 34 Bury Street, St James's. London S.W.1 (01-839 3731).

NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar Square. London. WC2. 01 839 3321. Wkdys 10-6. Suns 2-6. Adm free. BLOOMING SECRETS – Easter quiz and talks for children. 4-21 April. MASTERPIECES FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND. Until 27 May. Recorded info 01 839 3526.

Freeson will take Labour to court

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Reg Freeson is to go ahead with his threat to take the Labour Party to court after the decision of its organization committee not to intervene to stop the reselection procedure in Brent East, where Mr Ken Livngstone is favourite to replace him as the Labour candidate for the next election.

He is to tell the pary's ruling national executive committee, which is expected next Wednesday formaly to endorse the organization committee decision, that unless it has a change of heart he will seek a High Court injunction to suspend the reselection process, due to be completed on April 28, pending an NEC investigation into his allegations of irregularities in the affairs of his local party.

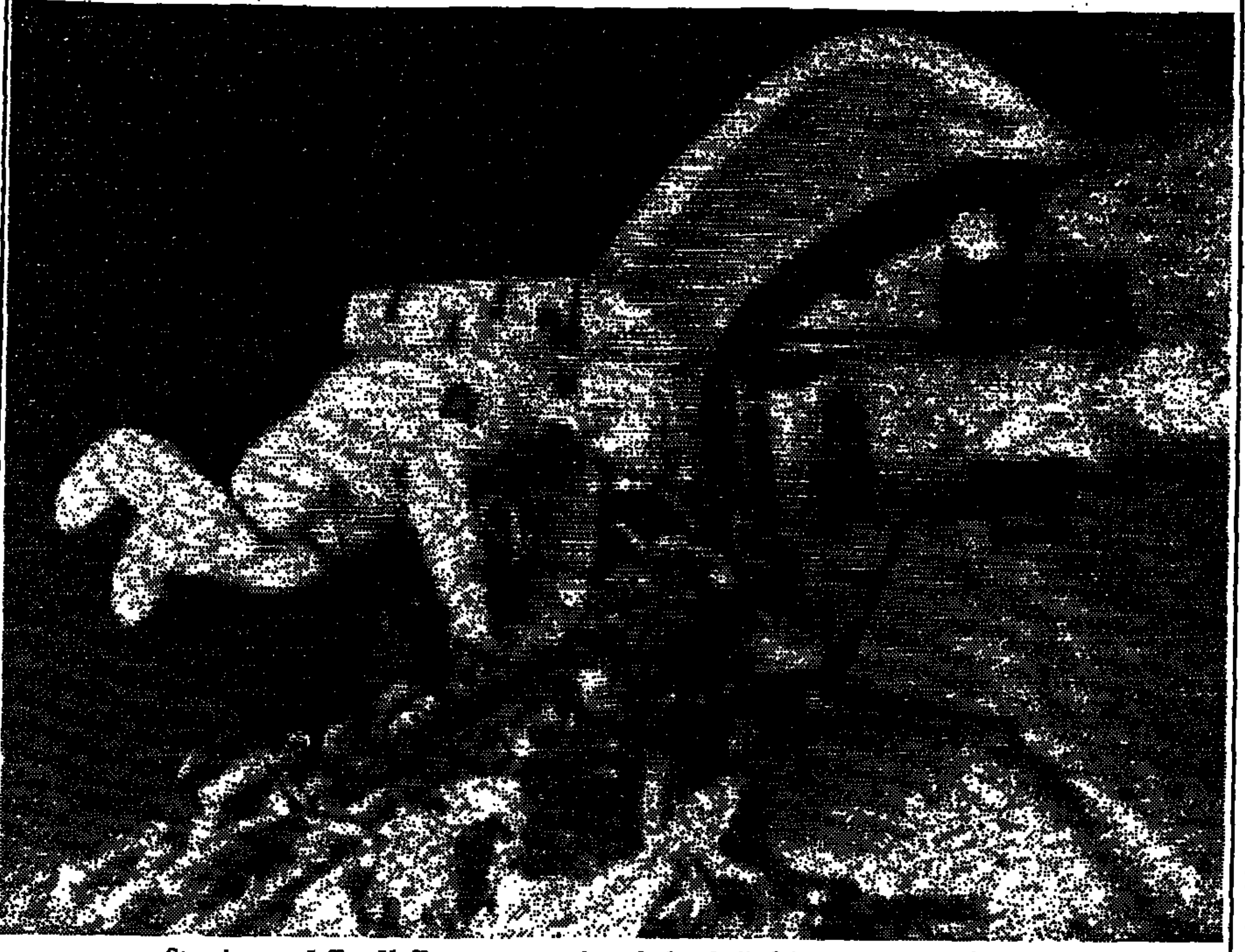
Mr Freeson told Mr Neil Kinnock that after learning of Monday's executive committee decision, he intended reluctantly to enter a legal battle with the party. He said yesterday: "It may take days, it may take weeks, it may take months or possibly even years, but I am not going away and I will continue to fight to remain as Labour candidate in Brent East."

Kohl says US to blame for war graves row

Bonn – A letter from Chancellor Kohl to President Reagan suggests that Mr Reagan visit the site of the concentration camp at Dachau as well as the German War Cemetery at Bitburg. The text was published yesterday by the West German Government (Frank Johnson writes).

The text points out a visit to Dachau, as well as to Bitburg, was proposed by the West Germans when Mr Reagan's programme was being planned. In effect, Bonn is indicating that the trouble caused by the decision only to visit Bitburg was of the Americans' own making.

Shuttle crew's space walk success



Stepping out: Jeffrey Hoffman traverses along the handrail of the space shuttle Discovery.

Senator Jake Garn, the Congressional observer, and Dr Rhea Seddon, the only woman crew member

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window shade, tubing and other items scavenged from Discovery's cabin.

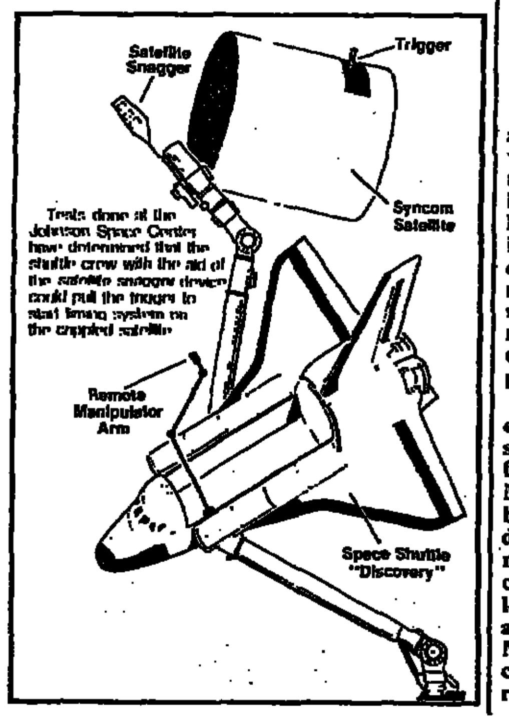
The mission has been extended by two days and Discovery will land at the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral on Friday.

This mission has made history by taking Senator Jake Garn as the first politician into space.

The Republican Senator from Utah, on the spaceship as a "Congressional observer", has been the subject of medical experiments to test the body's response to weightlessness and nausea in space.

Heartened by the successful rescue of three other satellites last year, US space officials decided on the salvage operation although they had not made any plans or provided any tools for such an operation.

It is the first time American astronauts have made a space walk for which they have not been specifically trained.



Tests done at the Johnson Space Centre have determined that the shuttle crew with the aid of the satellite snagger device could pull the trigger to start timing system on the crippled satellite

SS links of princess's father confirmed

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Sydney when she was being brought up there by her mother after her parents' divorce.

Mr Everingham a former diplomatic correspondent of *The Australian*, also claimed that the Queen and the British Government knew all about her father's background when the former Baroness Marie-Christine von Reibnitz planned to marry Prince Michael of Kent.

He added: "The Queen was warned, the Prime Minister (Mr James Callaghan) was warned, and Prince Michael was warned; but he had got in too deep. And of course Marie-Christine knew about it. All this surprise is a load of rubbish.

"When she started going out with Prince Michael, inquiries were made in Sydney at the behest of the British Government; those inquiries revealed what was common knowledge in Sydney."

But other sources close to Princess Michael in London indicated that the news had come as a surprise to her, and that she had found out only after telephoning relatives when asked to comment on the *Daily Mirror* story.

Mr Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of *Burke's Peerage*, said yesterday that genealogists had known of the connection for some years.

Princess Michael was born at Karlsbad, now in Czechoslovakia, on January 15, 1945, in the last months of the war. She has always claimed that both her father and mother were interned in concentration camps late in 1944 and that her mother, who led protest marches against the Nazis, was released only when the authorities discovered she was pregnant.

After the war her father emigrated to Mozambique to start a new life as a citrus farmer, while her mother took Marie-Christine to Australia to be brought up. The couple were divorced in 1950, and her mother remarried a Polish count in Australia. When she left school in Sydney she spent a year with her father in Mozambique, but has always claimed he was withdrawn, and refused to speak of his past.

Letter from Tsukuba

Short-lived optimism at high-tech Expo

On the opening day of the Tsukuba Science Expo an electronic counting system was to record the crowd at Japan's showcase of high technology.

It seemed appropriate that the exhibition's popularity should be measured by some of the technology it celebrates. But it was not long before the infra-red "eyes" were mysteriously recording more people leaving than had entered.

Various theories were put forward: perhaps a large number of people had come in side-by-side, foxing the machine, or perhaps the machine was counting departing shopping bags stuffed with brochures.

Shame-faced organizers had to resort to low-technology ticket stubs – and promised that their high-tech gadget would soon behave itself. Their optimism was short-lived. Before the first week was out they had to admit that "irreparable structural defects" had put their gadget out of action and disproved a principal theme of the exhibition – harmony between man and technology.

Early visitors to the six-month exhibition, which opened last month, have had an uncomfortable ride. More than 60 miles of optical fibres within the the site keep everyone informed via computer screens of the potential wait at any of the pavilions, but drivers on the newly constructed expressway outside get no such consideration as they inch forwards at less than two miles an hour for their regulation bomb check from two policemen using nothing more than their four eyeballs. Where technology might have noticeably calmed man it is conspicuously absent.

The exhibition's lofty title, and the one on which its viability and merit were sold to the International Expo Association, was "Dwellings and surroundings – science and technology for man at home". Its original intent was to establish Japan as not merely a refiner and marketer of technology pioneered elsewhere but as a scientific power in its own right.

Somewhere along the line the intent seems to have been diluted in the case of the Japanese corporate pavilions. Japanese Government pavilions and the foreign ones have stayed closer to the brief but Japanese companies appear to have considered the exhibition a marvellous opportunity to educate the next generation in the gadgets they hope they will buy. One exhibitor privately admitted that his target audience was the school summer outing.

The Nippon Telephone and Telegraph pavilion is an exception to the high-tech playroom atmosphere in most private pavilions. It has a business-like conference setup which demonstrates superbly how optical fibre technology can make transnational conferences and education inter-active: an illustration sketched 40 miles away in Tokyo is reproduced instantaneously on a facsimile machine at the conference desk.

Other illustrations of modern technology in use are less happy. In one cameo a Japanese classical author is discussing an embarrassing slip of the deadline with his publisher over a video telephone: a classic argument against being able to see the face of one's interlocutor.

Many of the other pavilions have robots in one form or another, playing pianos or responding to questions: high-tech amusements but nothing that has not been done better elsewhere. They certainly do not illustrate the advances of a great scientific and technological power.

The United States, Britain and the Soviet Union do better. The US pavilion illustrates the uses of "artificial intelligence", the Russians have medical technology as their highlight, and Britain has a run-down of solid technological achievement.

The British pavilion is a little too crowded and noisy for comfortable absorption of facts, and curiously boasts the Royal Family as a technological achievement near the entrance; all to the musical background of *Jerusalem*.

David Watts

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, launches the Prince Philip Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans at a press conference at Marlborough House, London, SW1, 11.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends a Service of Dedication for the Philip Sidney Memorial in St Paul's Cathedral, 5.55.

The Prince of Wales opens Thorn EMI's new Central Research Laboratories at Hayes, Middlesex, 10.30.

Prince Michael of Kent visits Innovation '85 at the Cranfield Institute of Technology, 12.

New exhibition

Victorian Travels: late 19th century watercolours by H G and M L Woods: The Stonegate Gallery, 52a Stonegate, York; Tues to Sat 11 to 5 (ends May 4).

Exhibitions in progress:

Geology Serves the Nation: 150 years of British Geology Survey: Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 26).

Northern Lights: watercolours from the Laing Art Gallery: Art Gallery, Civic Centre, **Southampton**; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 28).

Raku pots by Stephen Murfitt; recent paintings by Mary Fedden; and bronzes by John W. Mills: Beaux Arts, York St, **Bath**; Mon to Sun 10 to 5 (ends May 5).

Pantheon by Mark Grady; and recent paintings by June Redfern: Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, **Glasgow**; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30 (until April 27).

Kendal Bridge Series: Lino Cuts by Edith Reynolds: Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kirkland, **Kendal**, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 28).

Music

Concert by the Cambridge Cantata Club: Little St. Mary's Church, **Cambridge**, 8.

Piano recital by Andrew Lowe-Watson: West Road Concert Hall, **Cambridge**, 8.

Recital by the St. Cecilia Singers: **Chester** Cathedral, 8.

Organ recital by Thomas Trotter: **Birmingham** Town Hall, 1.

Amersham Festival of Music: Concert by the Thames Chamber Orchestra: St. Mary's Parish Church, **Amersham**, Bucks, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Winter Gardens, **Bournemouth**, 7.30.

Talks, and lectures

You, your camera and the Lake District by John Bunch: Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, **Brockhole**, Windermere, Cumbria, 1.

Can tripartism compete, by Mr John Cassels: Conference Theatre, Heriot-Watt University, Grassmarket, **Edinburgh**, 5.45.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Interception of Communications Bill, remaining stages. Motion on BBC television licence fee.

Lords (2.30): Debate on obstructions to the creation of wealth and jobs.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.98	1.89
Austria Sch	28.00	26.60
Belgium Fr	80.35	76.65
Canada $	1.79	1.71
Denmark Kr	14.33	13.63
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.97
France Fr	12.13	11.58
Germany DM	3.98	3.80
Greece Dr	180.00	169.00
Hong Kong $	10.30	9.70
Ireland Pt	1.283	1.223
Italy Lira	2540.00	2420.00
Japan Yen	333.00	317.00
Netherlands Gld	4.51	4.29
Norway Kr	11.58	11.03
Portugal Esc	220.00	210.00
South Africa Rd	2.70	2.49
Spain Pta	219.00	208.00
Sweden Kr	11.66	11.11
Switzerland Fr	3.325	3.165
USA $	1.33	1.27
Yugoslavia Dnr	313.00	293.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 362.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 2.5 at 979.6.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

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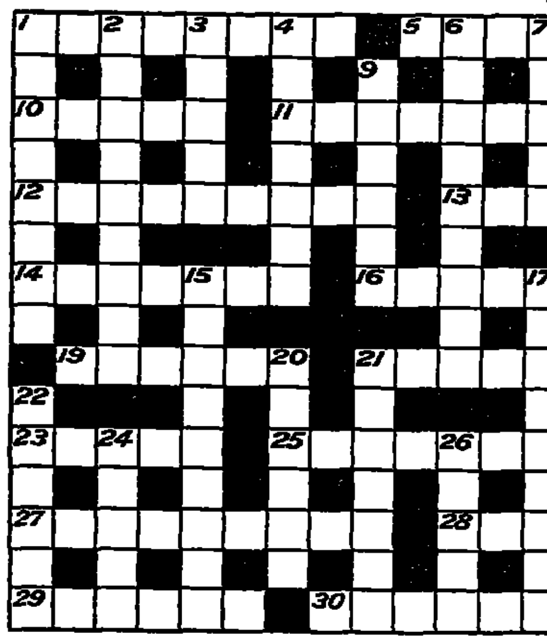
● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,713



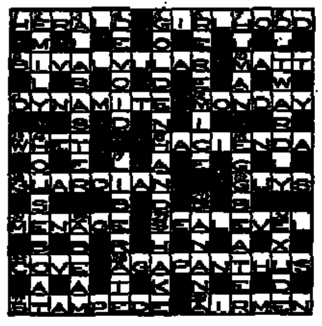
ACROSS

1 The little accountant bird is a winter singer (8).
5 Break taken by northern river (6).
10 He requires support in retirement (5).
11 A figure to make the writer snarl (9).
12 See here once the scene of a dramatic murder (9).
13 One needs wood that's absolutely flawless (5).
14 A plug for the dentist? (7).
16 Hemp is used in making this jacket (6).
19 Look for parking in a school enclosure (6).
21 Old gold coin a Greek character appropriated (7).
23 Follow a woman following leaderless men (5).
25 Soldier's field dressing here appears too tight (9).
27 The person offering constructive suggestions (9).
28 She's part-American (5).
29 After a party prudent medication is called for (6).
30 An insect mutation for example (8).

DOWN

Tubby resident's philosophy (8).
This rogue could appear honest (9).
3 A story told about a couple of trainees in France (5).
4 Always seen around a politician or monarch (7).
6 People questioning cut-back – pit-workers (9).
7 A high-flier, English, age about 50 (5).
8 Jabber and cause some irritation (6).
9 Capital growth embracing several branches, perhaps (6).
15 Leading coppers falling back (9).
17 Live out on new development (9).
18 Cat's tail – many an animal is backed with one! (4-4).
20 Decorated and given guidance after as well (6).
21 May be spent or changed in town (7).
22 Compensated for record taken in police-incursion (6).
24 The footwear is striking (5).
26 Twist a point others make (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,712



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New books – hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
The Fourth Dimension and How to Get There, By Rudy Rucker (Hutchinson, £9.95)
Hume's Skepticism in the *Treatise of Human Nature*, by Robert J Fogelin (RKP £12.95)
Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 1985, edited by John Woodcock (J Wisden £11.95)
Ernest Bevin, by Mark Stephens (SPA Books £7.95)
Cavour and Garibaldi 1860, by D Mack Smith (CUP £27.50)
The Survival of Charles Darwin, by Ronald W Clark (Weidenfeld & Nicolson £14.95)
The Century of Moses Montefiore, edited by Sonia & V D Lipman (OUP £18)
The Body, by Anthony Smith (George Allen & Unwin £12.95)
The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci, by Jonathan D Spence (Faber £15)
The Tunnels of Cu Chi, by Tom Mangold and John Penycate (Hodder & Stoughton £12.95)
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TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 7:

ITV

1 Coronation Street, (Mon), Granada, 18.30m
2 Coronation Street, (Wed), Granada, 17.75m
3 Crossroads, (Tue), Central, 14.15m
4 Emmerdale Farm, (Thur), Yorkshire, 13.80m
5 Emmerdale Farm, (Tue), Yorkshire, 13.55m
6 Widows, Thames, 13.35m
7 Minder, Thames, 13.15m
7= The Best of Cannon and Ball, LWT, 13.15m
9 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle, Thames, 12.95m
9= This is Your Life, Thames, 12.95m

BBC 1

1 Last of The Summer Wine, 14.55m
2 Dallas, 14.15m
2= Only Fools and Horses, 14.15m
4 Blazing Saddles, 14.10m
5 Are You Being Served?, 13.10m
6 Bird Brain of Britain, 13.05m
7 The Paul Daniels Magic Easter Show, 12.55m
8 The Noel Edmonds Golden Easter Egg awards, 12.40m
9= Dynasty, 12.40m
10 Eastenders, (Tue), 12.20m

BBC 2

1 Avanti, 7.00m
2 Forty Minutes, 6.10m
3 Horizon, 5.50m
3= Born Free, 5.50m
5 The Young Ones, 5.35m
6 Pot Black '85 (Wed), 5.05m
7 Entertainment USA 2, 4.90m
8 Little Big Man, 4.80m
9 Pot Black '85 (Tue), 4.65m
9= Harty Goes to . . . . . Monaco (Sun, 4.65m)

Channel 4

1 Brookside (Tue), 5.30m
2 Treasure Hunt, 5.00m
3 Brookside (Mon), 4.90m
4 Inside Moves, 4.40m
5 Cheers, 4.15m
6 Relative Strangers, 3.70m
7 The Secret Partner, 3.50m
8 28 Up, 2.80m
9 Max Headroom, (Thur), 2.60m
10 International Volleyball, 2.40m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.6m (8.8m).
TV-am *Good Morning Britain*: Mon to Fri 2.4m (11.2m); Sat 2.3m, Sun 2.3m (Sat or Sun 7.1m).
Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

The papers

The **Daily Star** says that Mr Neil Kinnock would benefit the Labour Party better if it looked at the Government's record on health and education, law and order and the poverty trap, instead of his "extraordinary" attack on Mrs Thatcher's South-East Asia trip in the House of Commons yesterday.

The **Daily Mail** says: "The well trailered attack by Mr Neil Kinnnock on Mrs Thatcher over the alleged failure and impropriety of her overseas tour proved to be a very damp squib".

The **Daily Mirror** says: "Princess Michael of Kent cannot be blamed for what her father was. Nazism is not hereditary. But such is the stain which that e vil creed left on the world that any connection, however innocent, should not be concealed".

Roads

Wales and West: M5: Contraflow on northbound carriageway between junction 16 and 17 (Bristol): no exit at junction 17 and no entry at junction 16. **A38:** Lane restrictions northbound at Marsh Mills viaduct between Plymouth and Exeter; also between South Brent and Merley Head in various places. **A40:** Lane closures in both directions between Raglan and Abergavenny, Gwent.

The North: A49: Major roadworks on Winwick St at the junction with Crown St, Warrington; diversion: delays to southbound drivers. **A560:** Brinksway (Greater Manchester): an embankment collapse near the junction with Highfield St, Stockport: road closed; diversion. **A1:** Crash barrier repairs with lane closures N and southbound at Fairburn.

Scotland: A82: Single lane traffic with temporary signals, just S of Fort William. **City of Aberdeen: A92:** Lane and carriageway closures on Great Southern Rd at King George VI Bridge; repairs to bridge. **A94:** Single line traffic with temporary lights W of Forfar, between 9am and 4pm.

Rail disruption

All east coast Rail services between London Kings Cross and Edinburgh and Glasgow stopped at Newcastle upon Tyne from midnight last night, as a result of the Scottish railmen's 24 hour strike. Normal services will operate in England with trains stopping and starting at Newcastle. A shuttle train will run to Berwick upon Tweed.

On the west coast a total of 10 sleepers were cancelled between Euston and Glasgow, in both directions. The same number have been cancelled tonight. All Scottish bound trains will terminate at Preston or Carlisle during the strike. In Scotland 1500 services will be affected.

Anniversaries

April 13:

Births: **Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guildford**, Prime Minister 1770-82, London, 1732; **Thomas Jefferson**, 3rd President of the USA 1801-09, Shadwell, Virginia, 1743; **Richard Trevithick**, engineer and pioneer of railway locomotives, Illogan, Cornwall, 1771.

Deaths: **Charles Leslie**, controversialist, Glaslough, Republic of Ireland, 1772.

April 14:

Deaths: **George Frederic Handel**, London, 1759; **Vladimir Mayakovsky**, poet, Moscow, 1930; **Ernest Bevin**, Foreign Secretary 1945-51, London, 1951; **President Lincoln** was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's theatre, Washington: he died the following day, 1865.

Today:

Births: **Edward Gibbon**, London, 1737; **Constantine Cavafy**, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1863.

Deaths: **Benjamin Franklin**, printer, scientist and diplomat, Philadelphia, 1790.

Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure over Scotland and Northern Ireland will move slowly S into N districts of England and Wales

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands: Dry sunny periods developing; wind W mostly light; max temp 17C (63F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mainly dry, some sunny intervals developing, hill and coastal fog patches; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 15C (59F), but cooler on coasts.

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, a little rain at times, hill and coastal fog patches, some bright intervals; wind SW moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow: Rather cloudy, a little rain at times, some sunny intervals; wind SW mainly moderate; max temp 11C (52F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind W moderate or fresh; max temp 10C (50F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cloudy with perhaps a little rain over England and Wales at first but brighter drier weather spreading to all parts during tomorrow; warm at first but becoming colder in the N with night frost in places.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea: Wind SW light; fair; visibility moderate or poor with fog patches; sea smooth. **Straights of Dover, English Channel (E):** Wind variable light; fair; visibility moderate or poor with fog patches; sea smooth. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind S light or moderate; mainly fair; visibility moderate or poor with fog patches; sea smooth or slight.

Sun rises: 6.01 am
Sun sets: 8.01 pm
Moon rises: 5.37 am
Moon sets: 5.05 pm
New Moon: April 20.

Lighting-up time

London 8.31 pm to 5.29 am
Bristol 8.40 pm to 5.39 am
Edinburgh 8.53 pm to 5.30 am
Manchester 8.43 pm to 5.35 am
Penzance 8.49 pm to 5.53 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	13	55	Guernsey	c	11	52
Birmingham	f	15	59	Inverness	f	14	57
Blackpool	s	12	54	Jersey	c	10	50
Bristol	c	13	55	London	s	18	64
Cardiff	c	13	55	Manchester	f	15	59
Edinburgh	f	15	59	Newcastle	f	14	57
Glasgow	r	13	55	Ronaldsway	c	11	52

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 54 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.7 millibars steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London 19C (66F); lowest day max: Sumburgh and Fair Isle 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath 0.51 in; highest sunshine: Ventnor 18.8 hr.

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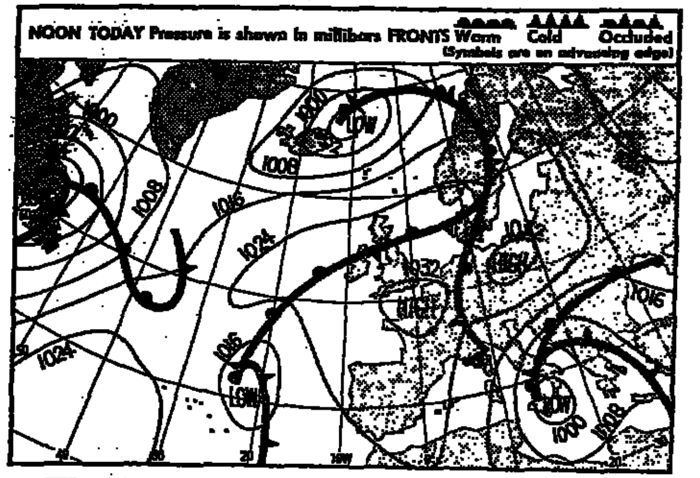

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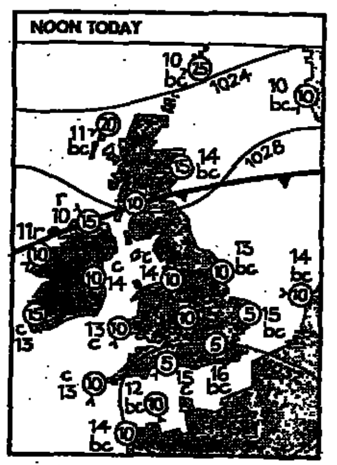

b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.01	6.3	1.34	6.8
Aberdeen	12.53	3.6	12.51	3.6
Avonmouth	6.34	11.6	6.58	11.7
Belfast	10.31	3.1	10.56	3.0
Cardiff	6.19	10.8	6.43	10.9
Devonport	5.11	4.9	5.39	4.9
Dover	10.53	5.8	10.55	6.0
Falmouth	4.41	4.7	5.09	4.7
Glasgow	12.31	4.1	12.47	4.5
Harwich	11.35	3.8	11.48	3.7
Holyhead	9.53	5.0	10.22	4.9
Hull	6.01	6.3	5.57	6.7
Ilfracombe	5.28	8.2	5.49	8.1
Leith	2.05	4.9	2.19	5.0
Liverpool	10.45	8.5	11.10	8.5
Lowestoft	9.16	2.2	9.01	2.2
Margate	11.58	4.4	11.55	4.3
Milford Haven	5.42	6.2	6.04	6.2
Newquay	4.35	6.3	4.56	6.3
Oban	5.27	3.6	6.53	3.4
Penzance	4.13	4.9	4.39	4.9
Portland	6.10	1.8	6.50	1.7
Portsmouth	11.01	4.1	11.26	4.4
Shoreham	10.50	5.4	11.11	5.7
Southampton	10.37	3.9	11.02	4.2
Swansea	5.51	8.3	6.13	8.4
Tees	3.19	4.7	3.20	4.9
Walton-on-Naze	11.23	3.8	11.31	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	8.4	–	17	63	Sunny
Bridlington	9.2	–	17	63	Sunny
Cromer	2.5	–	16	61	Cloudy
Lowestoft	5.2	–	19	66	Sunny
Clacton	4.5	–	16	61	Bright
Margate	–	–	16	61	Dull
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.7	–	15	59	Bright
Hastings	7.3	–	15	59	Sunny
Eastbourne	8.2	–	14	57	Sunny
Brighton	–	–	13	55	Sunny
Worthing	7.2	–	14	57	Sunny
Littlehampton	9.2	–	17	63	Sunny
Bognor R	8.8	–	16	61	Sunny
Southsea	9.5	–	15	59	Sunny
Sandown	8.9	–	15	59	Sunny
Shanklin					
Bournemouth	8.2	–	16	61	Sunny pm
Poole	6.6	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Swanage	7.8	–	15	59	Sunny
Weymouth	7.2	–	13	55	Sunny
Exmouth	8.2	–	15	59	Sunny
Teignmouth	7.9	–	15	59	Sunny
Torquay	7.1	–	15	59	Sunny
Falmouth	5.5	–	14	57	Sunny pm
Penzance	6.8	–	15	59	Sunny
Jersey	4.5	–	15	59	Sunny pm
Guernsey	6.8	–	15	59	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	9.0	–	14	57	Sunny
Newquay	3.4	–	15	59	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	2.8	–	14	57	Dull
Tenby	3.4	–	12	54	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	8.2	–	16	61	Sunny
Southport	6.7	–	14	57	Bright
Morecambe	0.1	.02	11	52	Dull
Douglas	1.4	–	13	55	Shwrs pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cntrl)	7.1	–	19	66	Sunny am
B'ham (Airpt)	4.9	–	17	63	Bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	5.2	–	15	59	Bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	3.4	–	14	57	Bright
Anglesey	0.4	–	10	50	Fog
B'pool (Airpt)	3.5	.01	13	55	Fog am
Manchester	2.7	–	16	61	Bright
Nottingham	4.6	–	15	59	Bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	2.8	–	16	61	Bright
Carlisle	0.5	–	14	57	Cloudy
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	–	.02	13	55	Rain pm
Prestwick	0.2	.02	14	57	Drizzle
Glasgow	0.4	.01	14	57	Cloudy
Tiree	0.5	–	13	55	Drzle am
Stornoway	2.6	.13	12	54	Rain am
Lerwick	–	.33	9	48	Rain
Wick	0.8	.28	13	55	Bright
Kinloss	0.2	.02	16	61	Cloudy
Aberdeen	3.3	.03	18	64	Sunny am
St. Andrews	1.7	.01	15	59	Cloudy
Edinburgh	0.9	.01	17	63	Cloudy
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	–	.01	14	57	Rain pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	20	68	Cologne	d	11	52	Majorca	f	19	66	Rome	f	19	66
Akrotiri	s	24	75	Copenhgn	f	9	48	Malaga	s	18	64	Salzburg	f	8	46
Alexandria	s	27	81	Corfu	f	21	70	Malta	c	16	61	Sao Paulo*	f	28	82
Algiers	c	16	61	Dublin	f	14	57	Melbourne	r	12	54	S Francisco*	f	15	59
Amsterdam	f	12	54	Dubrovnik	c	13	55	Mexico C*	f	18	64	Santiago*	f	25	77
Athens	f	21	70	Faro	s	26	79	Miami*	r	26	79	Seoul	f	19	66
Bahrain	s	26	79	Florence	c	16	61	Milan	s	18	64	Singapore			
Barbados				Frankfurt	12	9	48	Montreal*	c	17	63	Stockholm	c	7	45
Barcelona	s	18	64	Funchal	s	22	72	Moscow	c	6	43	Strasbourg	12	11	52
Beirut	s	21	81	Geneva	c	11	52	Munich	c	8	46	Sydney	f	23	73
Belgrade	r	8	46	Gibraltar*	s	19	66	Nairobi	r	22	72	Tangier	s	23	73
Berlin	c	8	46	Helsinki	12	3	37	Naples	c	15	59	Tel Aviv	s	26	79
Bermuda*	r	18	64	Hong Kong	c	22	72	New Delhi	s	33	91	Tenerife	s	22	72
Biarritz	c	14	57	Innsbruck	c	8	46	New York*	r	9	48	Tokyo	f	14	57
Boulogne	c	9	48	Istanbul	c	21	70	Nice	s	17	63	Toronto*	s	21	70
Bordeaux	f	16	61	Jiddah	s	33	91	Oslo	s	10	50	Tunis	f	12	54
Brussels	c	13	55	Jo'burg				Paris	s	16	61	Valencia	s	21	70
Budapest	f	11	52	Karachi	s	30	86	Peking	s	16	61	Vancouver*	s	10	50
Buen Aires*	s	23	73	Las Palmas	s	21	70	Perth	s	22	72	Venice	s	14	57
Cairo	s	31	88	Lisbon	s	20	68	Prague	r	7	45	Vienna	c	10	50
Cape Tn	s	20	68	Locarno	c	19	66	Reykjavik	r	5	41	Warsaw	c	11	52
C'blanca	s	22	72	L Angeles*	f	16	61	Rhodes	s	21	70	Washington*	c	19	66
Chicago*	c	14	57	Luxembg	c	10	50	Riyadh	s	30	86	Wellington*	s	19	66
Ch'church*	s	17	63	Madrid	s	19	66	Rio de Jan	f	28	82	Zurich	c	9	48

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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